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BLOOD IS SPLATTERED AROUND IN FRONT OF HER.

SPLATTER

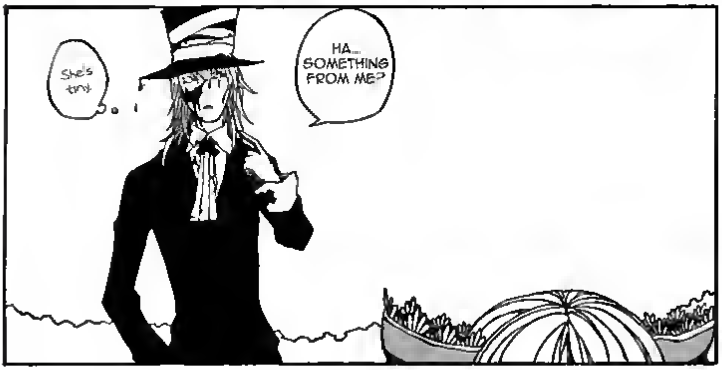
SPLASH

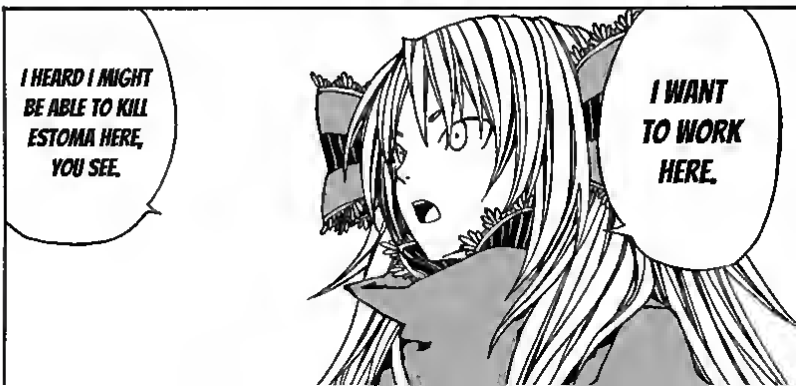
THUNK

HA...

I HOPE YOU DIE IN PEACE.

HELLO, RUKI, KORI AND...
Hey!
WHO'S THAT?
IS SHE A HOUSE SPIRIT OR SOME KIND OF GHOST? WHOA, WHAT SHOULD I DO? AM I GOING TO GET RICH OR SOMETHING ONE DAY?
SHE WANTS SOMETHING FROM YOU, MAL.
THAT'S NOT IT. LOOK CAREFULLY AND FOCUS ON REALITY.
Eh


HA... SOMETHING FROM ME?
She's tiny.


I WANT TO WORK HERE.
I HEARD I MIGHT BE ABLE TO KILL ESTOMA HERE, YOU SEE.

FERMER MARDI
Kirino Hajime
LIVE BY KILLING AN IMMORTAL.
RUNNER-UP IN THE 16TH SQUARE ENIX MANGA AWARDS!

HA... ESTOMA
I JUST KILLED HIM...
ACK!

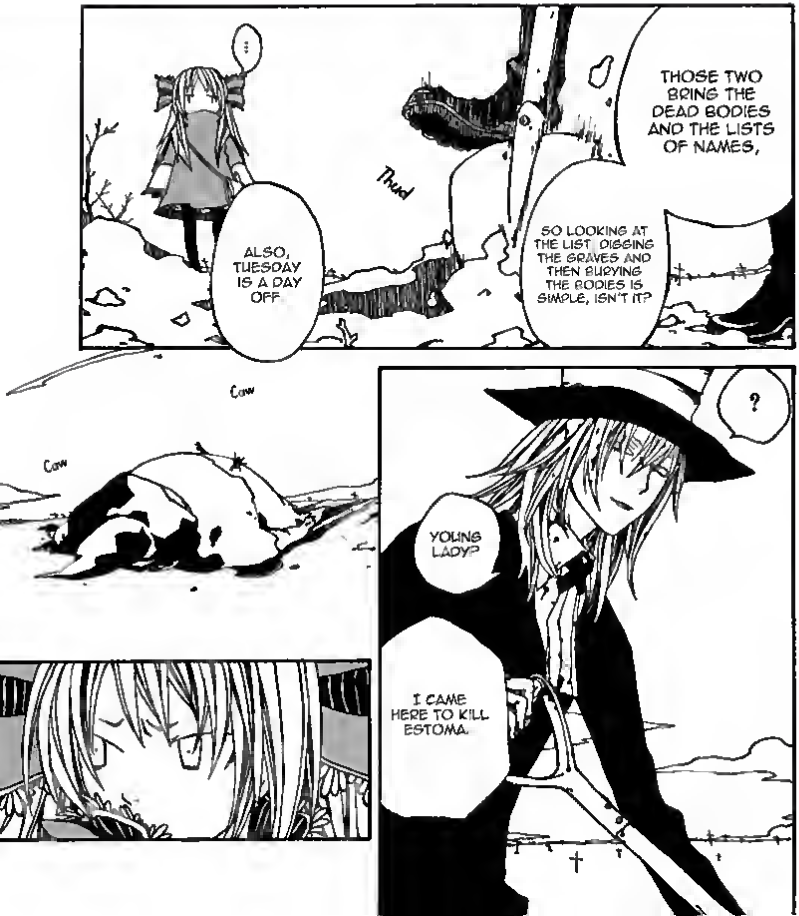
BUT ISN'T ESTOMA IMMORTAL?
WON'T HE COME BACK TO LIFE AGAIN?
BUT...!

Rustle
TEXT ON TRUCK: COLLECTION
I DON'T CARE GET ON WITH YOUR WORK
I ACTUALLY FOUND A WAY TO KILL HIM FOR SURE, AND I JUST CARRIED THAT OUT! DO YOU WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT?
DO YOU?!
CLATTER
Rustle
Thud
AH, YOUNG LADY.
Thud
SO WANTING TO WORK HERE MEANS THAT YOU'RE MOTIVATED TO
MY NAME IS ENE
I SEE. MY NAME IS MAL PLEASED TO MEET YOU
DO THINGS APART FROM KILLING ESTOMA, RIGHT?
SMILE

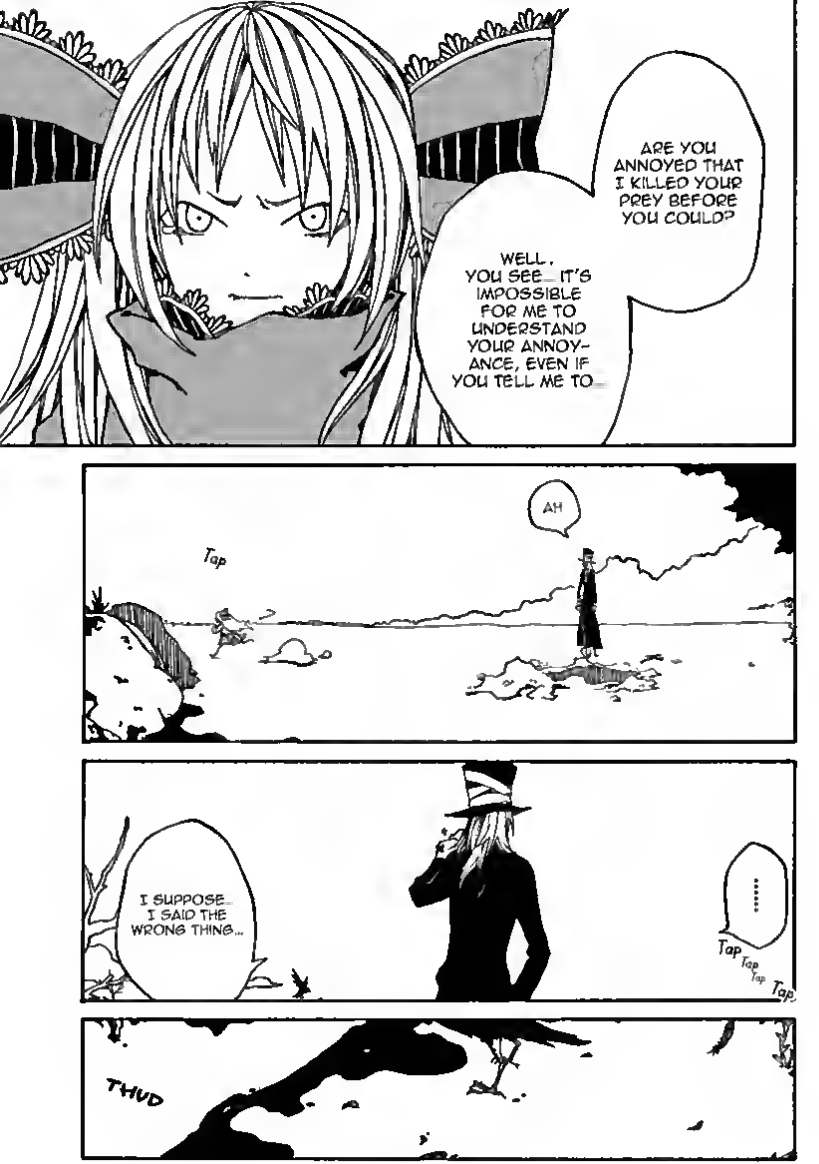
LIKE DIGGING GRAVES!
BANG

MAL! CLEAN UP THE BLOOD SPLATTER ALREADY!
AH! RIGHT!
I SUPPOSE SO...
UH... YES..

THUD


THOSE TWO BRING THE DEAD BODIES AND THE LISTS OF NAMES,
SO LOOKING AT THE LIST, DIGGING THE GRAVES AND THEN BURYING THE BODIES IS SIMPLE, ISN'T IT?
Thud
ALSO, TUESDAY IS A DAY OFF.
Caw
Caw
?
YOUNG LADY?
I CAME HERE TO KILL ESTOMA.

I'M SURE OF IT.
THERE'S NO DOUBT HE'S DEAD.
BUT YOU'RE SURE ESTOMA IS DEAD? REALLY?
.....
GIVE UP.
BECAUSE ESTOMA WAS MY PREY.


ARE YOU ANNOYED THAT I KILLED YOUR PREY BEFORE YOU COULD?
WELL. YOU SEE... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND YOUR ANNOY-ANCE, EVEN IF YOU TELL ME TO...
AH
Tap
I SUPPOSE... I SAID THE WRONG THING...
.....
Tap Tap Tap Tap
THUD

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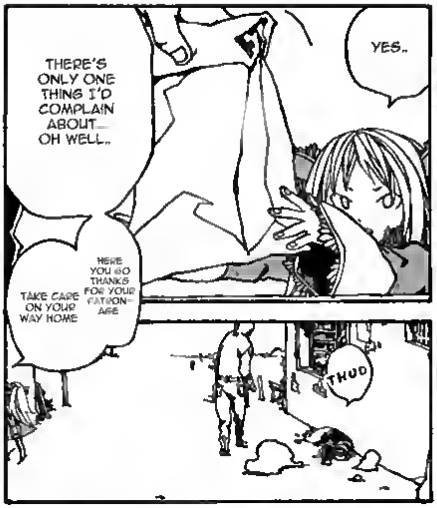
IT'S LATE AT NIGHT...
WE'LL GET THE COLLECTORS TO COME FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING...
HE... UNFORTU-NATELY...
ANYWAY, WE'LL PUT HIM IN THE ROOM FURTHEST FROM THE BEDROOMS FOR NOW...
IF WE SPEND TOO MUCH TIME AROUND A CORPSE, WE'LL GET MISTAKEN FOR CORPSES
AND GET EATEN WHEN ESTOMA COMES.

WHERE HAVE YOU GONE, MOTHER?
OH?
MOTHER...

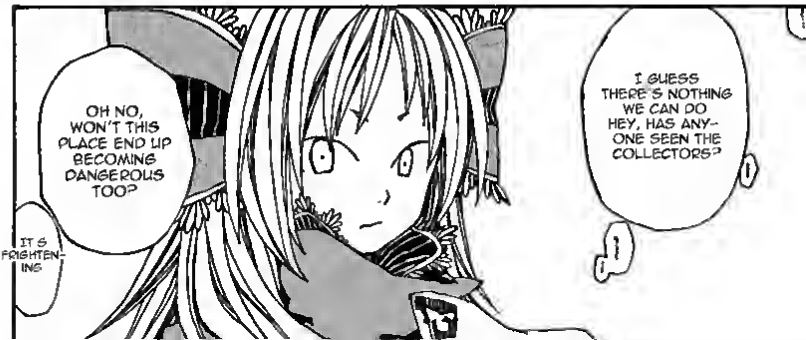
POOR ENE WAS LEFT ALL ALONE.


YES..
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I'D COMPLAIN ABOUT... OH WELL..
HERE YOU GO THANKS FOR YOUR FATIGUE
TAKE CARE ON YOUR WAY HOME
THUD

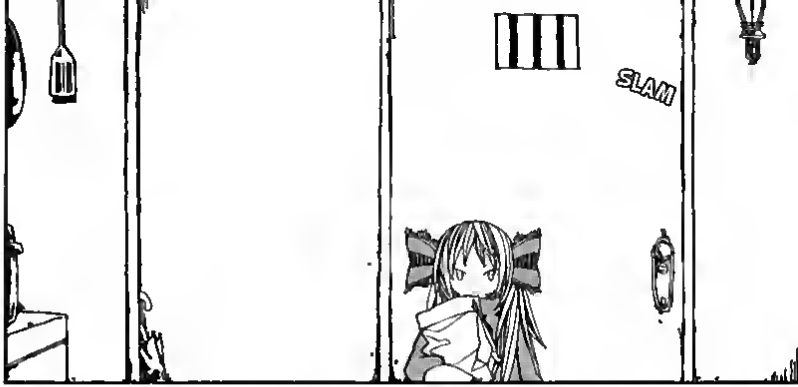
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME A GRAVEDIGGER, MISS ENE?
SO...YOU'VE GOT TO GO TO THE GRAVE-YARD EVERY DAY, HAVEN'T YOU?

FOOD
HOW DARE HE DIE IN FRONT OF THE SHOPS!
WOOD
Chatter
Chatter

WHOA, HE'S DEAD
DIDN'T HE RUN AWAY FROM THE BATTLEFIELD? THINGS LIKE THAT HAVE BEEN HAPPENING A LOT RECENTLY
HE JUST FELL DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET


OH NO, WON'T THIS PLACE END UP BECOMING DANGEROUS TOO?
I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO HEY, HAS ANY-ONE SEEN THE COLLECTORS?
IT'S FRIGHTEN-ING

Clatter
Clatter
OH, ISN'T THAT A MISSILE?
Whoosh
HUH?
AH IT FELL AND EXPLODED!
click
IT REALLY WAS A MISSILE THEN?
SERI-OUSLY? I WANTED TO SEE IT TOO
HA HA HA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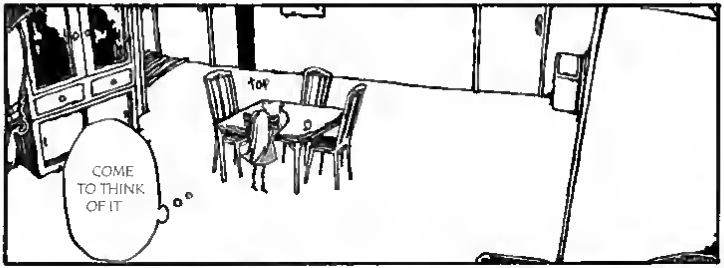
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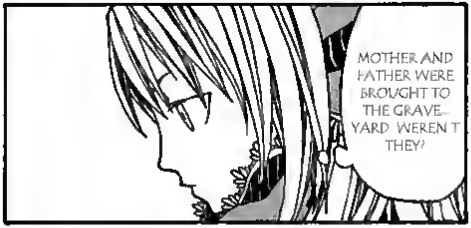
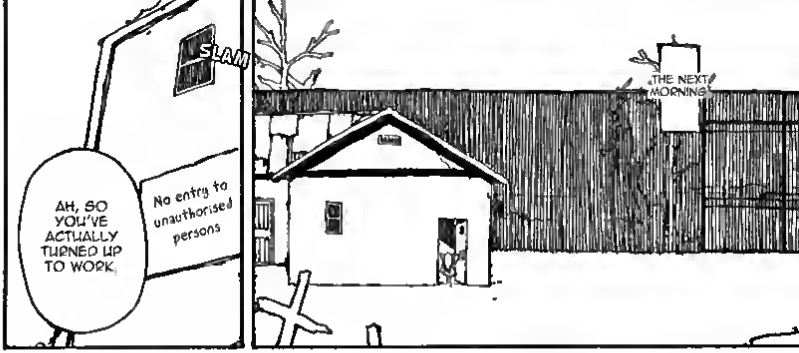
COME TO THINK OF IT

.....
I'LL GO TO SLEEP NOW.


MOTHER AND FATHER WERE BROUGHT TO THE GRAVE-YARD WEREN'T THEY?

I'LL BE DIGGING GRAVES AGAIN TOMORROW.
ESTOMA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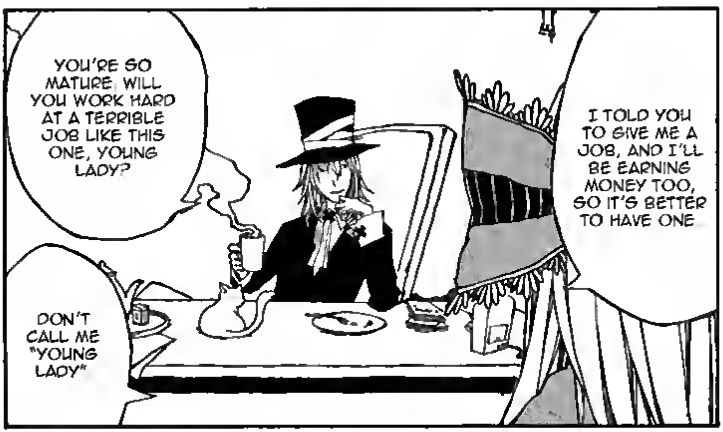
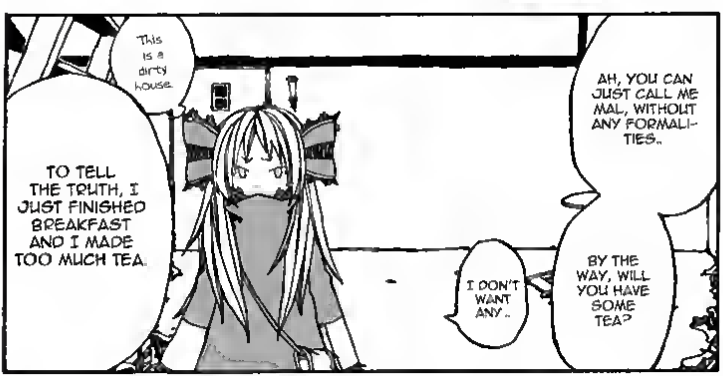
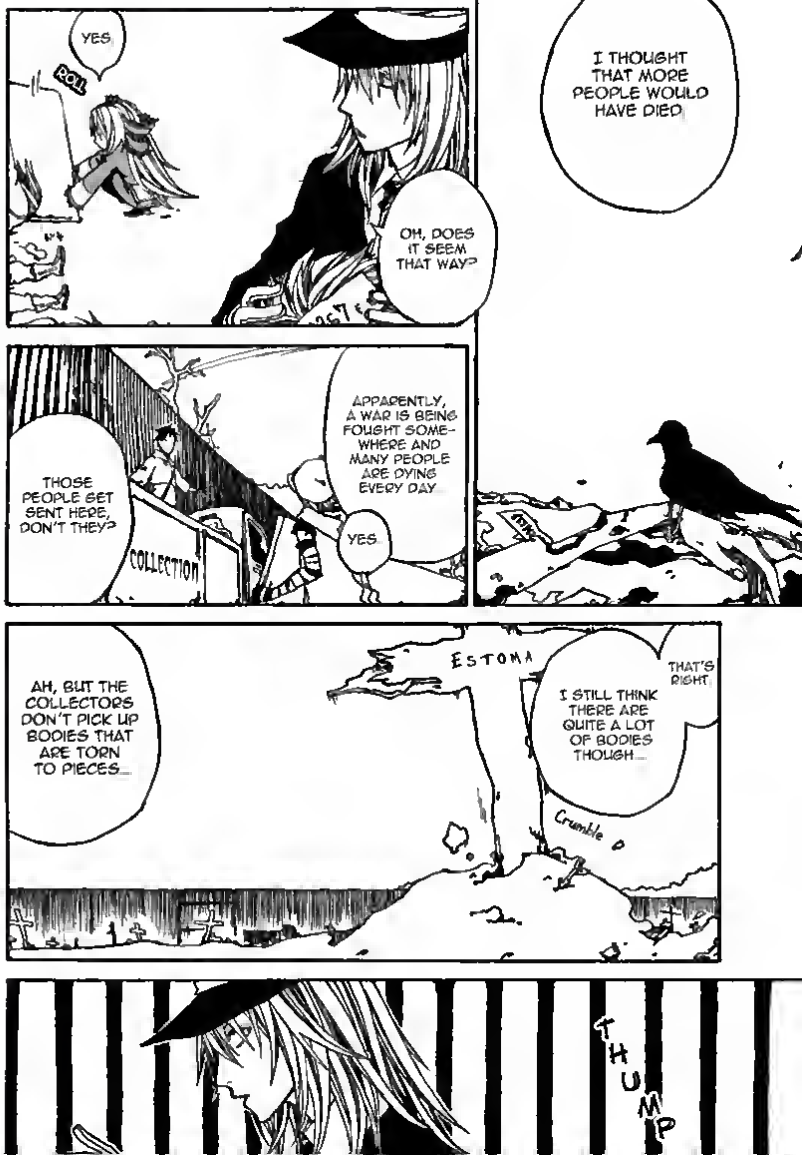
No entry to unauthorised persons
AH, SO YOU'VE ACTUALLY TURNED UP TO WORK.
THE NEXT MORNING


YOU'RE SO MATURE. WILL YOU WORK HARD AT A TERRIBLE JOB LIKE THIS ONE, YOUNG LADY?
I TOLD YOU TO GIVE ME A JOB, AND I'LL BE EARNING MONEY TOO, SO IT'S BETTER TO HAVE ONE
DON'T CALL ME "YOUNG LADY"


This is a dirty house.
AH, YOU CAN JUST CALL ME MAL, WITHOUT ANY FORMALITIES..
TO TELL THE TRUTH, I JUST FINISHED BREAKFAST AND I MADE TOO MUCH TEA.
I DON'T WANT ANY..
BY THE WAY, WILL YOU HAVE SOME TEA?

BUT...I THINK "YOUNG LADY" SOUNDS MUCH LOVELIER THAN "ENE".
HUH?!
SIGH WASTE
NOW YOU'RE CALLING ME AN IDIOT?! IDIOT. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, YOUNG LADY?!
clatter
Hey
WHA...YOU SHOULDN'T CALL OTHER PEOPLE ANNOYING!
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD, YOU IDIOT!
BANG
MY NAME IS ENE! ENE!
DAMN IT, MAI... YOU KILLED ESTOMA AND YOUR PERSONALITY IS ANNOYING! YOU REALLY ARE A BOTHERSOME MAN!
THE TWO OF THEM ARE HAVING QUITE A SILLY CONVERSATION.
You don't know what an idiom is?
OF COURSE I DO! AH, I SPILLED TEA ON MY HANDS!
CLATTER
You're an idiot.
Meow


I THOUGHT THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE DIED
YES
BOIL
OH, DOES IT SEEM THAT WAY?
APPARENTLY, A WAR IS BEING FOUGHT SOMEWHERE AND MANY PEOPLE ARE DYING EVERY DAY
THOSE PEOPLE GET SENT HERE, DON'T THEY?
COLLECTION
YES
ESTOMA
THAT'S RIGHT
I STILL THINK THERE ARE QUITE A LOT OF BODIES THOUGH...
AH, BUT THE COLLECTORS DON'T PICK UP BODIES THAT ARE TORN TO PIECES...
Crumble
THUMP

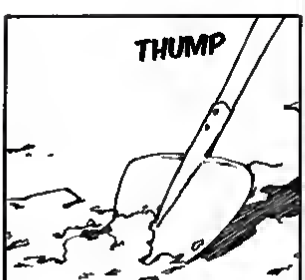
THUMP
CLATTER
AH
UH
Crumble
AH...
splatter
I'M HUNGRY...
ESTOMA.
AH
AHH

NO WAY
Ha... Haha...
WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE! I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU!
Alright
WHOOSH
WAAA

Swish
Swish
Swish
HMPH.
WAIT, YOUNG LADY!
EXSOMAAA

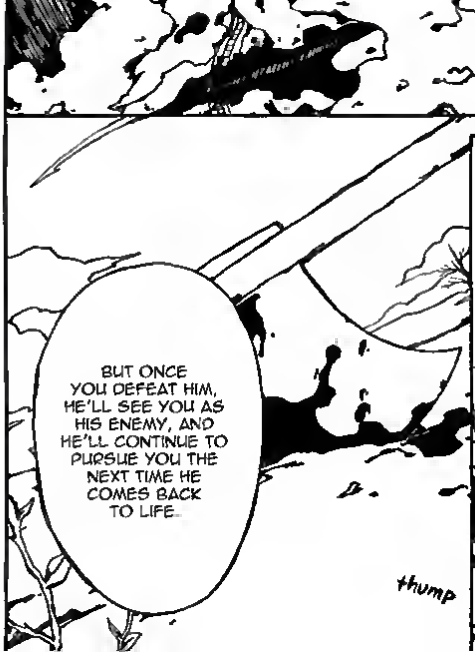
YOU'RE A NUI-SANCE.
THUD

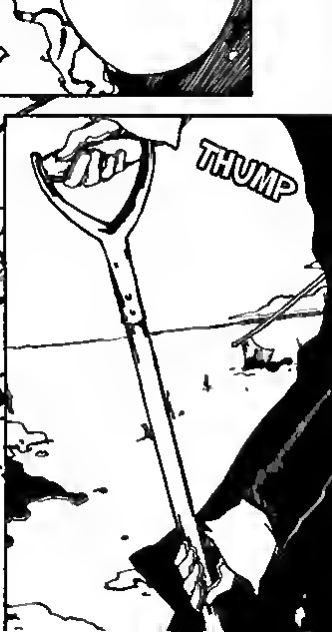
WHAT?
MAL.


THUMP

THUD

FLOMP
ESTOMA IS THE KIND OF OPPONENT THAT CAN BE DEFEATED MORE EASILY THAN YOU THINK, AS LONG AS YOU KNOW THE TRICK TO DOING IT.


BUT ONCE YOU DEFEAT HIM, HE'LL SEE YOU AS HIS ENEMY, AND HE'LL CONTINUE TO PURSUE YOU THE NEXT TIME HE COMES BACK TO LIFE.
thump

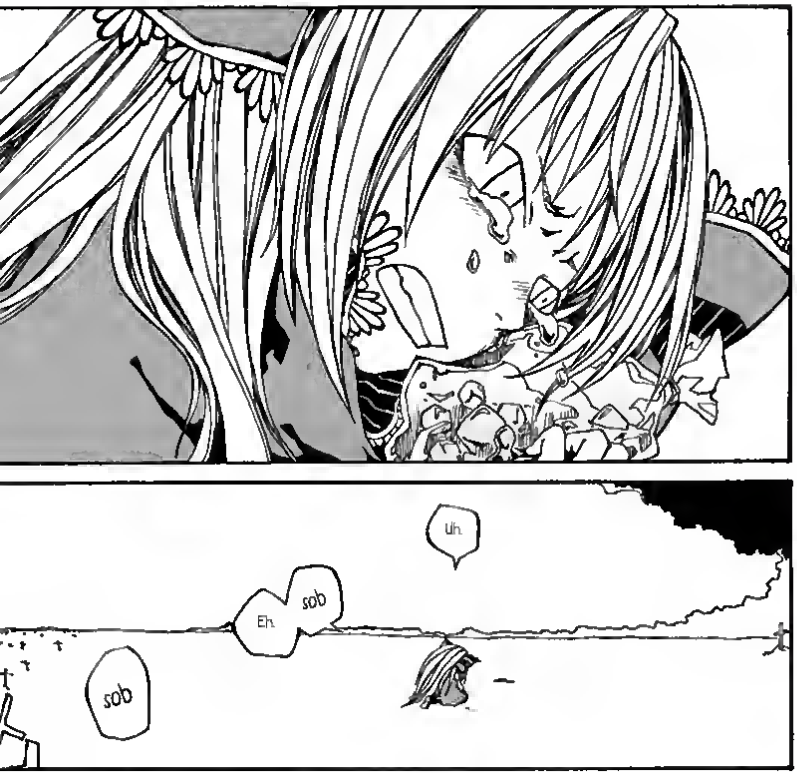

THUMP

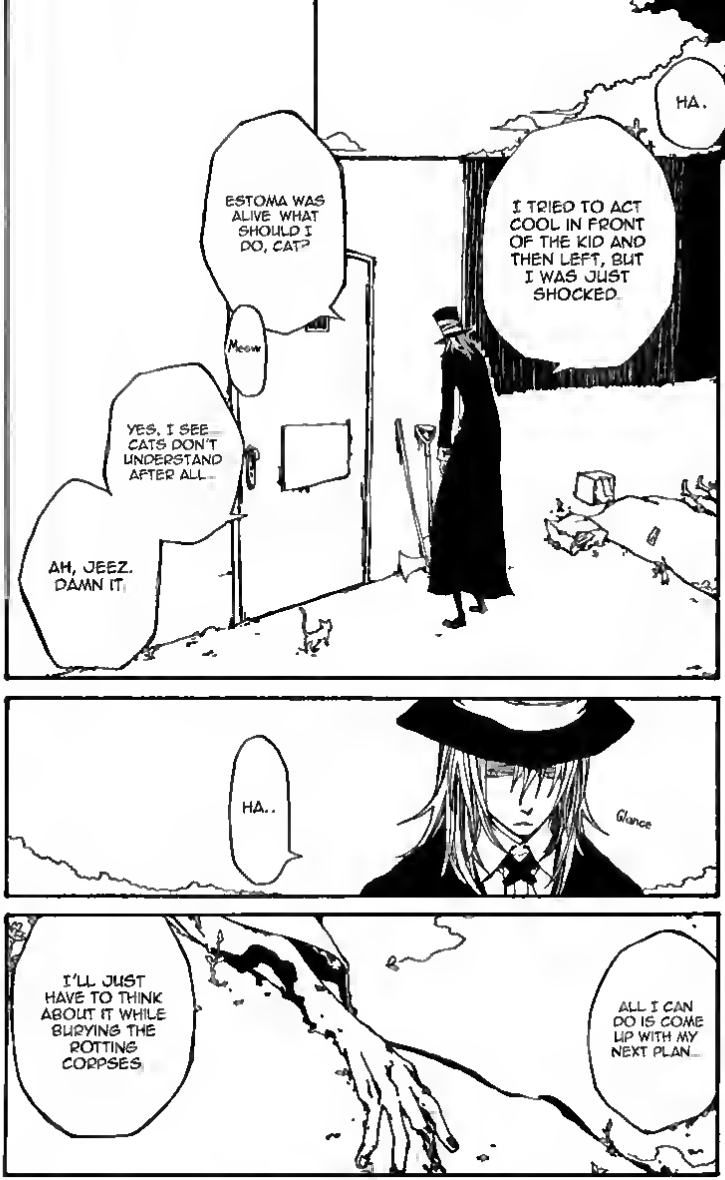
IF YOU CONTINUE TO DIG GRAVES, THE SMELL OF CORPSES WILL NATURALLY CLING TO YOU, SO EVEN IF YOU DON'T FIGHT HIM, YOU MIGHT GET MISTAKEN FOR A CORPSE AND GET EATEN.
YOU CAN STILL TURN BACK NOW, ALRIGHT?
ESTONIA
.....
WELL... HMM... IT ISN'T UNUSUAL TO LOSE YOUR COOL WHEN FACED WITH YOUR PARENTS' ENEMY..
YES.

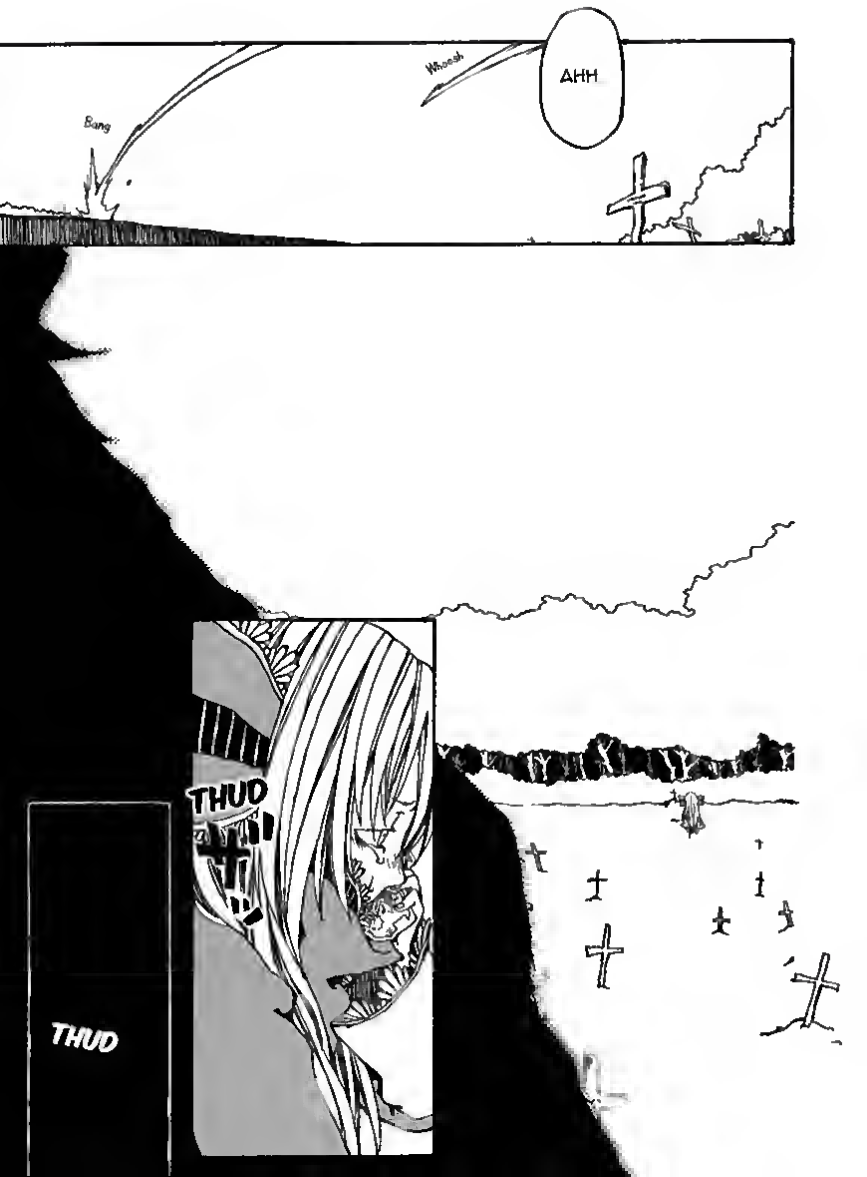
.....
click

I COULDN'T DEFEAT HIM.

I WAS SCARED!
I FELT HATE!
I WAS IN PAIN!
I FELT PATHETIC!
I FELT ANNOYED!




HA.
I TRIED TO ACT COOL IN FRONT OF THE KID AND THEN LEFT, BUT I WAS JUST SHOCKED.
ESTOMA WAS ALIVE WHAT SHOULD I DO, CAT?
Meow
YES, I SEE... CATS DON'T UNDERSTAND AFTER ALL...
AH, JEEZ. DAMN IT.
HA..
Glance
I'LL JUST HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT WHILE BURYING THE ROTTING CORPSES.
ALL I CAN DO IS COME UP WITH MY NEXT PLAN...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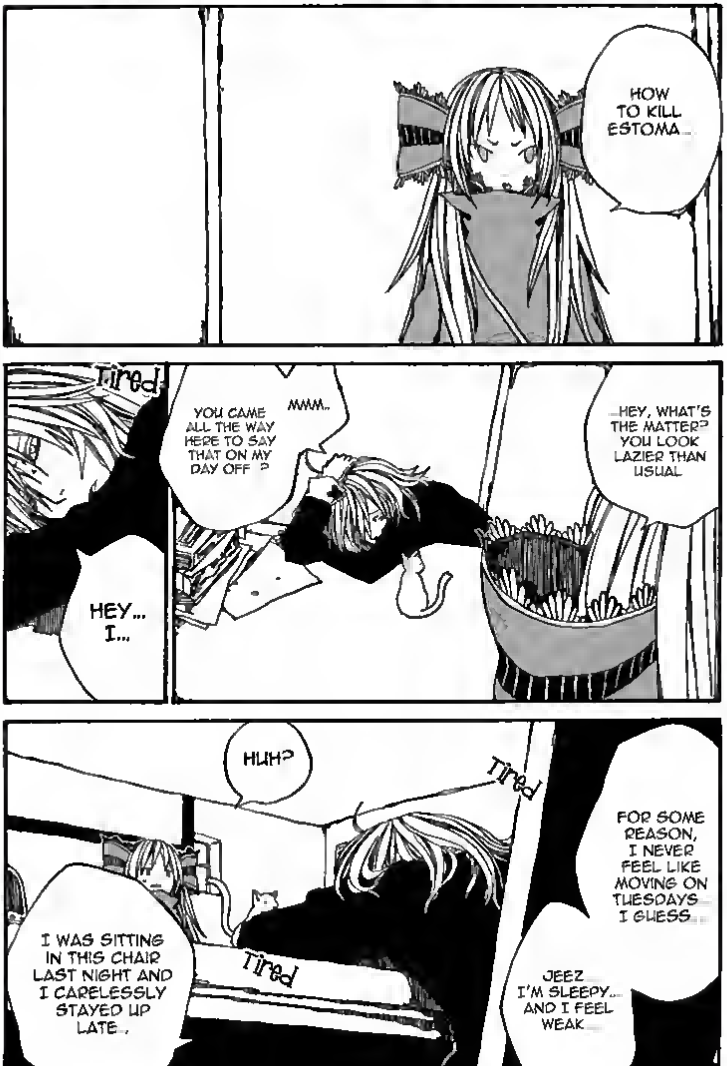
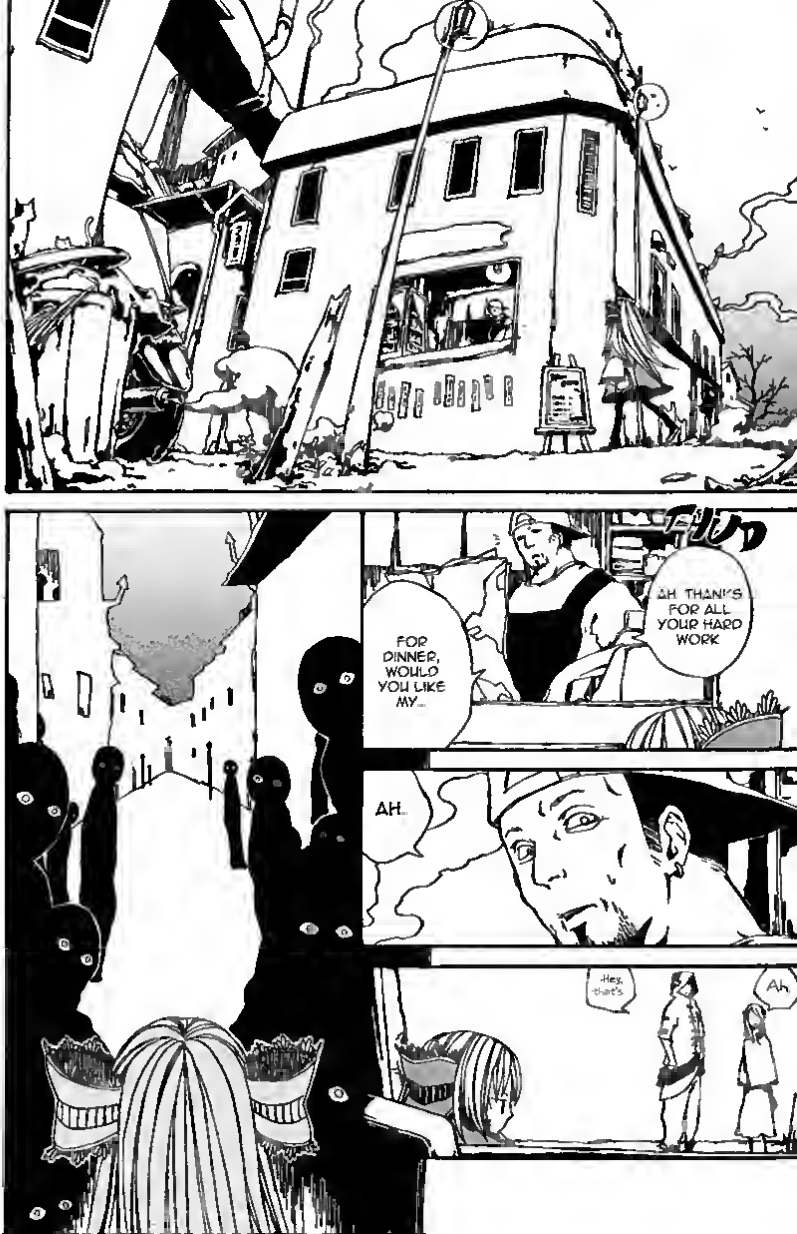


Slump
I... I'VE MADE UP MY MIND TO CONTINUE DIGGING GRAVES...
IT'S
IT'S NO GOOD
I'M GOING TO SLEEP...
HUH?
MAL?
HEY!
HEY!
WHY ARE YOU LIKE THIS?!
Sigh
DON'T GO TO SLEEP, MAL!
I VE WASTED A LOT OF TIME!


AH THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK
FOR DINNER, WOULD YOU LIKE MY...
AH...
Hey, that's
Ah

I'M NOT GOING TO QUIT DIGGING GRAVES
chatter
ENE.
HAVE YOU HEARD? THAT STORY...
IT'S ENE.
THE GRAVE-YARD...
.....
HEY.
GIVE UP YOU IDIOT!
HEY, MISS ENE...
HAVEN'T THINGS ALWAYS BEEN THE SAME?
EVERYONE WHOSE RELATIVES GET EATEN BY ESTOMA SAYS THINGS LIKE THAT
BUT..

NOTHING WILL CHANGE IF WE SAY SOMETHING.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE WHO SMELLS LIKE DEATH AROUND HERE ALL THE TIME.
UH...
HEY, BUT A LITTLE GIRL LIKE THAT...
SHE'S PROBABLY READY TO LEAVE TOWN, ISN'T SHE?
I'LL BE LEAVING TOMORROW MORNING.
.....

Step

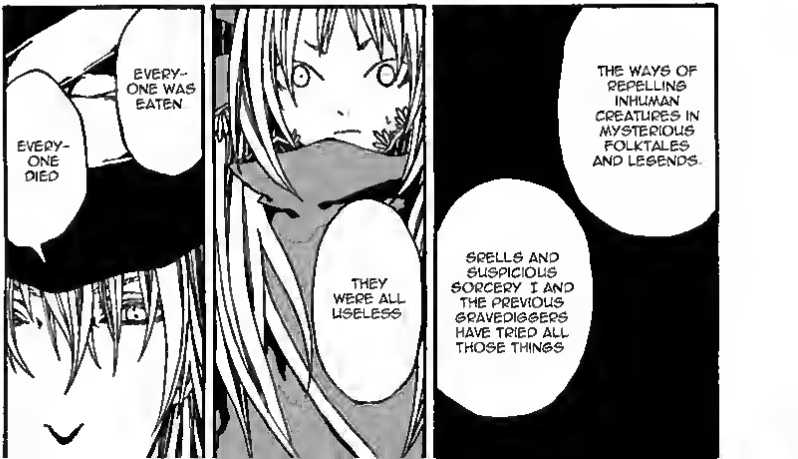
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP UNTIL NOW GOODBYE

...THERE'S NO WAY ESTOMA CAN BE DEFEATED THOUGH...

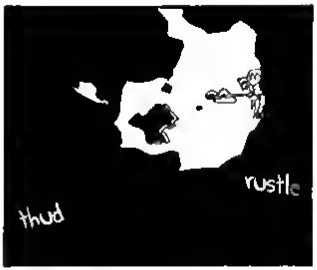
NOW THAT'S DECIDED WE REALLY MUST FIND HIS WEAKNESS.

I TOLD YOU, IT ONLY HAPPENS ON TUESDAYS
AH, IF YOU WERE NORMAL ON TUESDAYS TOO, THEN WE COULD HAVE HAD THIS CONVERSATION YESTERDAY
.....
..YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL ON WEDNES-DAYS

WELL, ANYWAY..
IT'S NOT AS IF ESTOMA HAS BEEN AROUND FOR THAT MANY YEARS..
I SUPPOSE IT WAS TEN OR TWENTY YEARS AGO AT THE MOST.. THAT HE SUDDENLY APPEARED
OF COURSE, NO ONE KNOWS HOW TO DEAL WITH AN UNKNOWN MONSTER


EVERY-ONE WAS EATEN
EVERY-ONE DIED
THEY WERE ALL USELESS
THE WAYS OF REPELLING INHUMAN CREATURES IN MYSTERIOUS FOLKTALES AND LEGENDS.
SPELLS AND SUSPICIOUS SORCERY I AND THE PREVIOUS GRAVEDIGGERS HAVE TRIED ALL THOSE THINGS

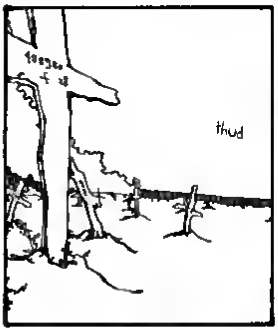
THE ONE THING I'VE UNDERSTOOD FROM BEING A GRAVEDIGGER ALL THIS TIME IS THAT ESTOMA IS ALWAYS HUNGRY AND WILL GO ANYWHERE THAT SMELLS LIKE CORPSES, HIS FAVOURITE FOOD, AND EAT. HE'LL EVEN DIG UP GRAVES.
BECAUSE HE FINDS HIS FOOD BY ITS SMELL, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN EATEN BY MISTAKE.
MAKING SURE HE DOESN'T GET OUTSIDE OF THE GRAVEYARD IS GENERALLY THE GRAVEDIGGER'S JOB.
THE ONLY ONES WHO SMELL LIKE A CORPSE AND SURVIVE ARE THOSE TWO COLLECTORS
I'M NOT SURE WHETHER IT'S BECAUSE ESTOMA REMEMBERS THAT THEY BRING HIM FOOD OR BECAUSE THEY'RE FAST AT RUNNING AWAY
BY THE WAY, SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT IF I KILLED HIM ON MY 3001ST BATTLE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER I SURVIVED OR NOT, HE'D NEVER COME BACK TO LIFE.
Ah, my time was wasted...
WELL, I SUPPOSE THAT'S ENOUGH ABOUT ESTOMA.
WE'LL CARRY OUR PLAN OUT RIGHT AWAY, WHEN WE THINK OF ONE
WE'LL WORK HARD DIGGING GRAVES UNTIL HE APPEARS
Uh, I
Wait, what?


rustle
thud

thud

Thud

THUD
Thunk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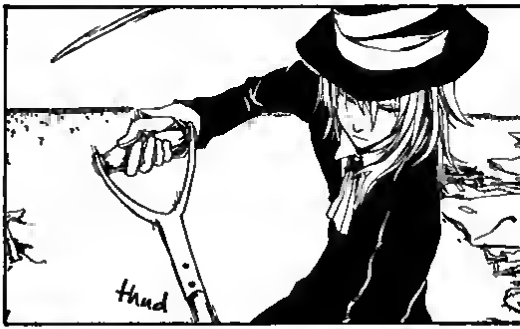
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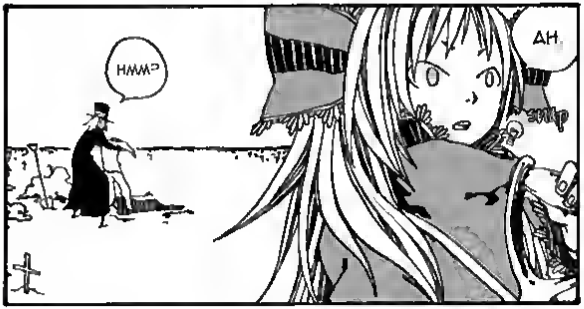
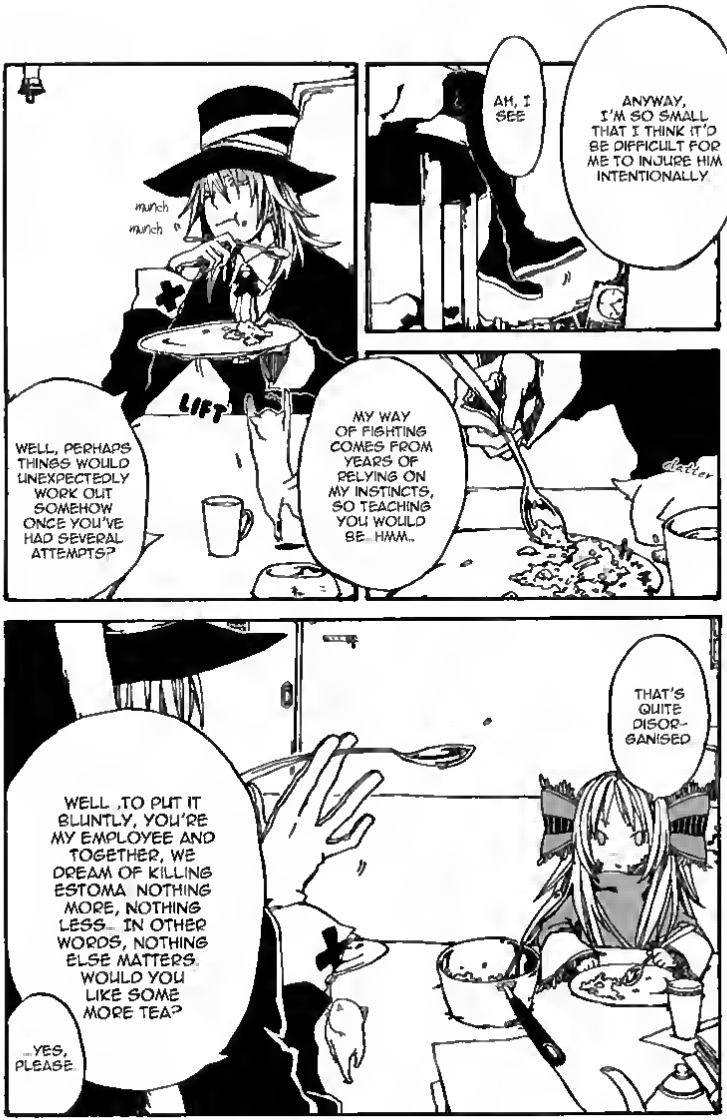
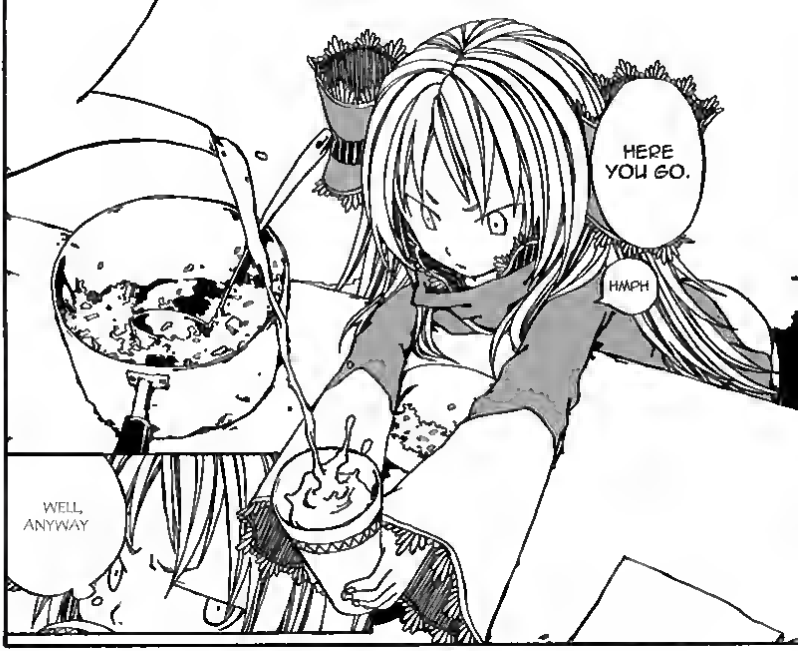

HMM?
AH
rustle

AH, I SEE.
ESTOMA
HE'S ABOUT TO COME BACK TO LIFE
YES
YOU REALLY ARE NO GOOD.
Thud
Thud
I CAN SEE HIS BODY
HIS VITAL POINT IS AROUND HIS STOMACH AREA DON'T MISS.
THUD
STAB
OKAY!

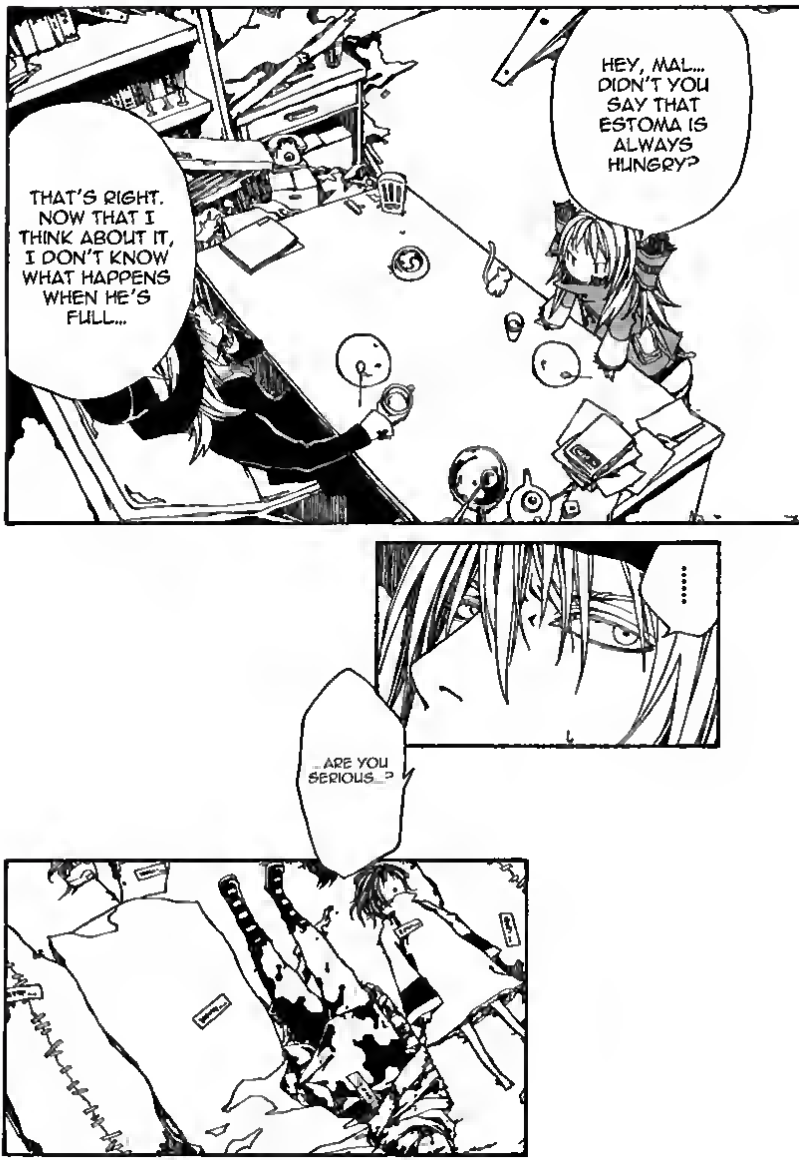
OWWW!
stab
I'M
SHUT UP!
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
splat
MAL!
IT'S YOU MAL! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
...IT SEEMS MORE LIKE THE PAIN WOKE HIM UP...
YES. HE'S BECOME AN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT CREATURE TO UNDERSTAND
eek
eek
WE'VE GOT TO BURY HIM AGAIN TOO

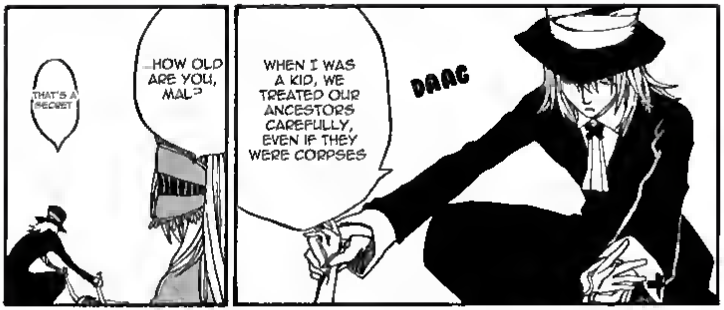

munch munch
LIFT
WELL, PERHAPS THINGS WOULD UNEXPECTEDLY WORK OUT SOMEHOW ONCE YOU'VE HAD SEVERAL ATTEMPTS?
MY WAY OF FIGHTING COMES FROM YEARS OF RELYING ON MY INSTINCTS, SO TEACHING YOU WOULD BE... HMM..
clatter
AH, I SEE
ANYWAY, I'M SO SMALL THAT I THINK IT'D BE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO INJURE HIM INTENTIONALLY
THAT'S QUITE DISORGANISED
WELL ,TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, YOU'RE MY EMPLOYEE AND TOGETHER, WE DREAM OF KILLING ESTOMA NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS... IN OTHER WORDS, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MORE TEA?
...YES, PLEASE

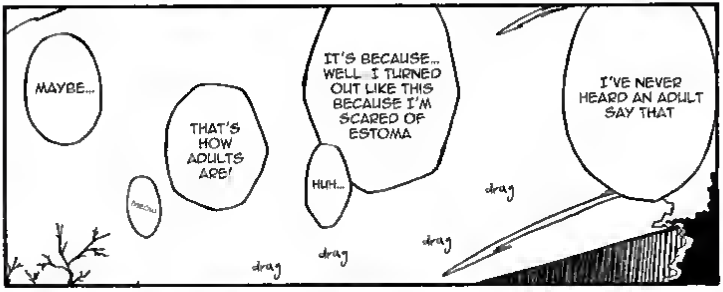

HERE YOU GO.
HMPH
WELL, ANYWAY

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER ONCE ESTOMA IS DEAD
AH DO YOU STILL WANT SOME FOOD, YOUNG LADY?
I'M STILL HUNGRY, SO I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE REST..
HELP YOUR-SELF
slurp
♪

clang
clang
clang
click
click
burp
Ah. I'm full up
That's good
I'M HAPPIEST WHEN I'M EATING OR SLEEPING...
AH.


HEY, MAL... DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT ESTOMA IS ALWAYS HUNGRY?
THAT'S RIGHT. NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE'S FULL...
.....
...ARE YOU SERIOUS...?

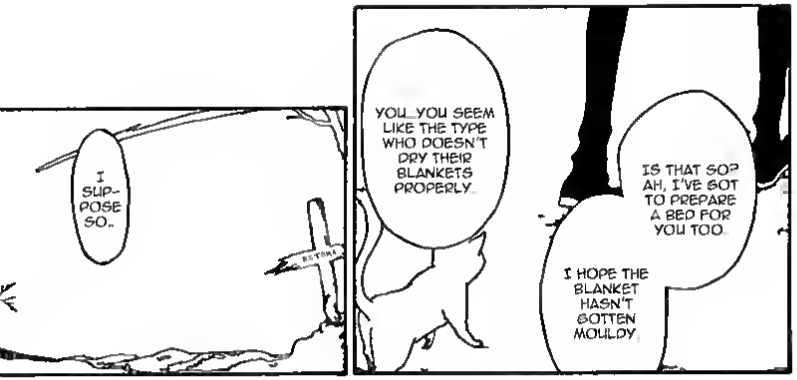

...HOW OLD ARE YOU, MAL?
THAT'S A SECRET
WHEN I WAS A KID, WE TREATED OUR ANCESTORS CAREFULLY, EVEN IF THEY WERE CORPSES
DARC

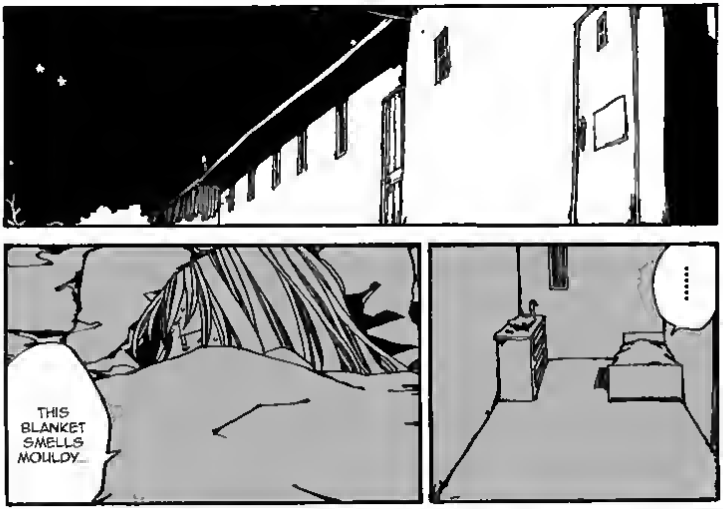

MAYBE...
THAT'S HOW ADULTS ARE!
SWEAT
IT'S BECAUSE... WELL... I TURNED OUT LIKE THIS BECAUSE I'M SCARED OF ESTOMA
HUH...
I'VE NEVER HEARD AN ADULT SAY THAT
drag
drag
drag
drag

NOTHING.
HMM...YOU PUT THE BODIES QUITE FAR AWAY FROM THE HOUSE
THAT'S BECAUSE ESTOMA WILL GET INSIDE THE HOUSE IF I PUT THEM NEARBY I DON'TWANT THAT

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING SO UPSET ABOUT?
drag
drag
drag
drag
I GUESS SO...

WELL, THIS IS A TROUBLESOME DEVELOPMENT.
THIS PLAN MEANS WE HAVE TO KEEP AWAY FROM ESTOMA UNTIL HE'S FULL, WHILST OBSERVING HIM
IF WE ACCIDENTALLY RUN INTO HIM BEFORE HE'S FULL, KILL HIM AND WAIT FOR HIM TO COME BACK TO LIFE, AND THEN REPEAT THE PROCESS. THINGS WILL NEVER END
CAN'T WE ESCAPE IF WE RUN INTO HIM?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
HE'S PERSISTENT
WELL, IT'S COMPLICATED TO EXPLAIN
CARRYING OUT THE PLAN WOULD BE FASTER AND EASIER TO UNDERSTAND
ESTOMA
WELL, HOW ABOUT WE GO BACK INSIDE AND HAVE A SNACK?
YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD DESPITE THE TROUBLESOME SITUATION


I SUP-POSE SO..
YOU...YOU SEEM LIKE THE TYPE WHO DOESN'T DRY THEIR BLANKETS PROPERLY...
IS THAT SO? AH, I'VE GOT TO PREPARE A BED FOR YOU TOO.
I HOPE THE BLANKET HASN'T GOTTEN MOULDY.


THIS BLANKET SMELLS MOULDY...
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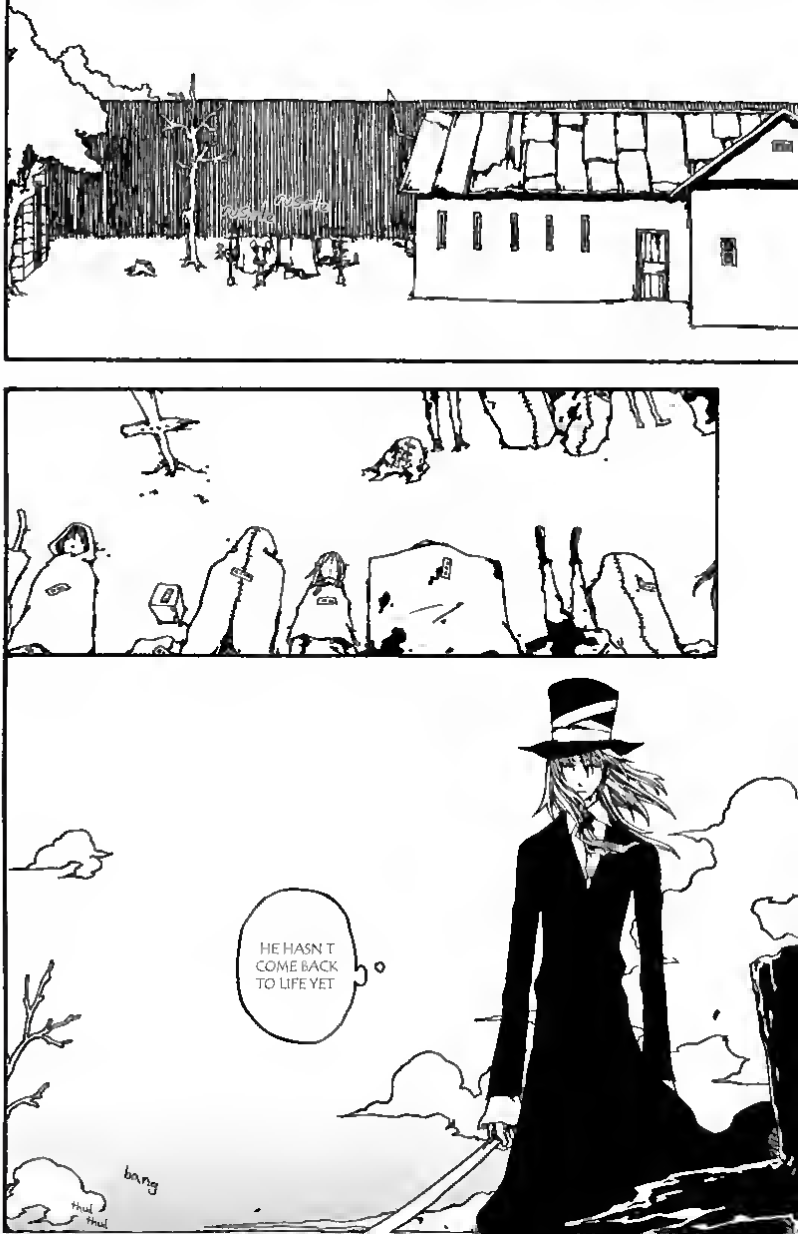
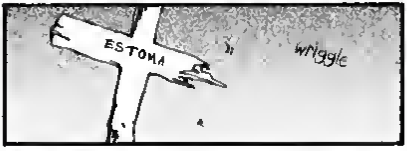

HE HASN'T COME BACK TO LIFE YET
bang
thud thud

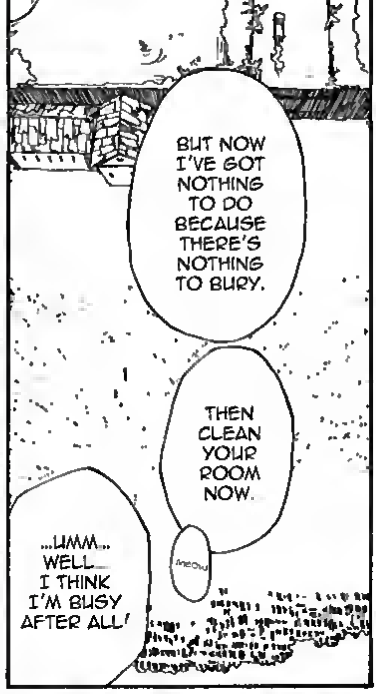
HEY! WE'VE BROUGHT TODAY'S CORPSES!
SIGN ON TRUCK: WASTE COLLECTION
AH, ENE!
YOU DECIDED TO KEEP DIGGING GRAVES?! I HEARD ALL ABOUT IT!
YES
WHOA! THEN YOU'RE GOING TO DEFEAT ESTOMA?! ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
OF COURSE
THAT'S AMAZING! DO YOUR BEST!
AH SO THEN, MAL WILL...
HEY! RUKI, KORI!
COULD YOU BRING THE CORPSES OVER HERE TODAY?
HMM?

スクウェア・エニックスが挑む新世界!!
本気のWEBマガジン登場!!
ガンガンONLINE

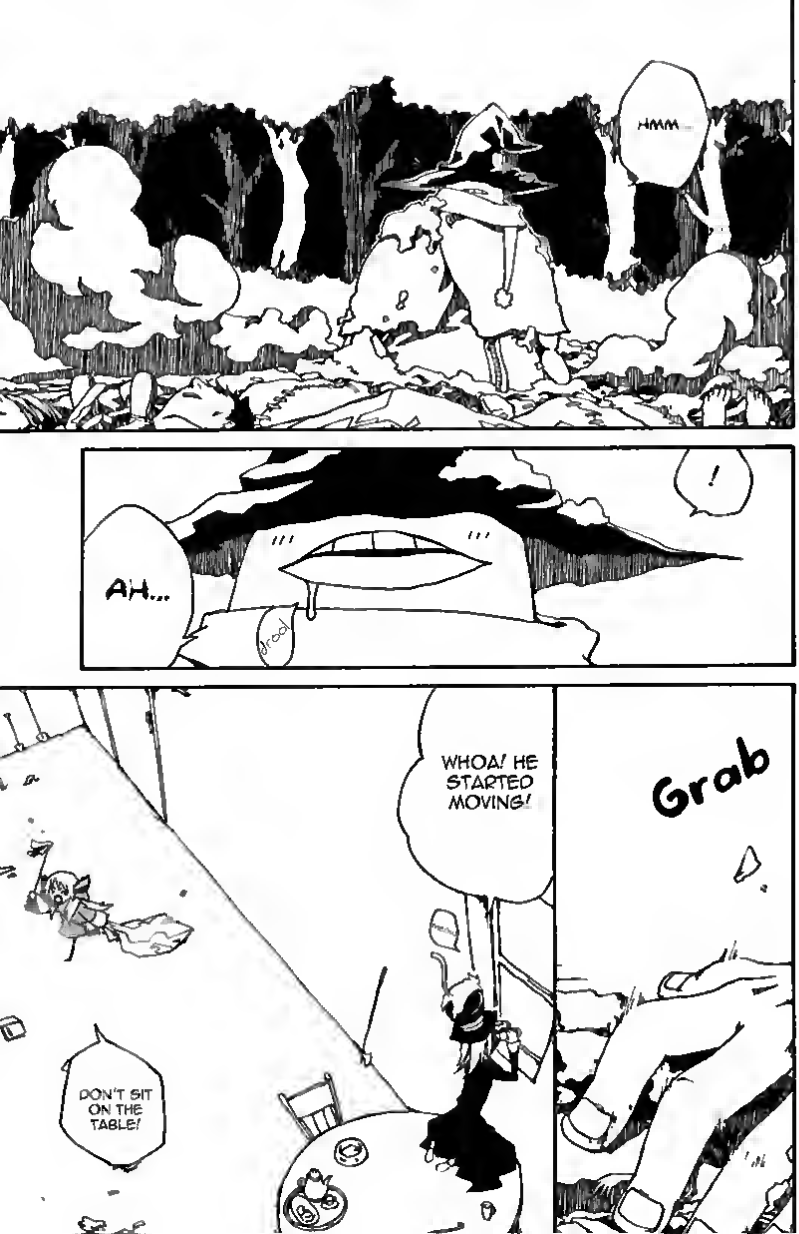
UH...
AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PARTY WITH NO TIME LIMIT.
I'M GLAD I'M A VEGETARIAN

WHAT A LAZY ADULT.

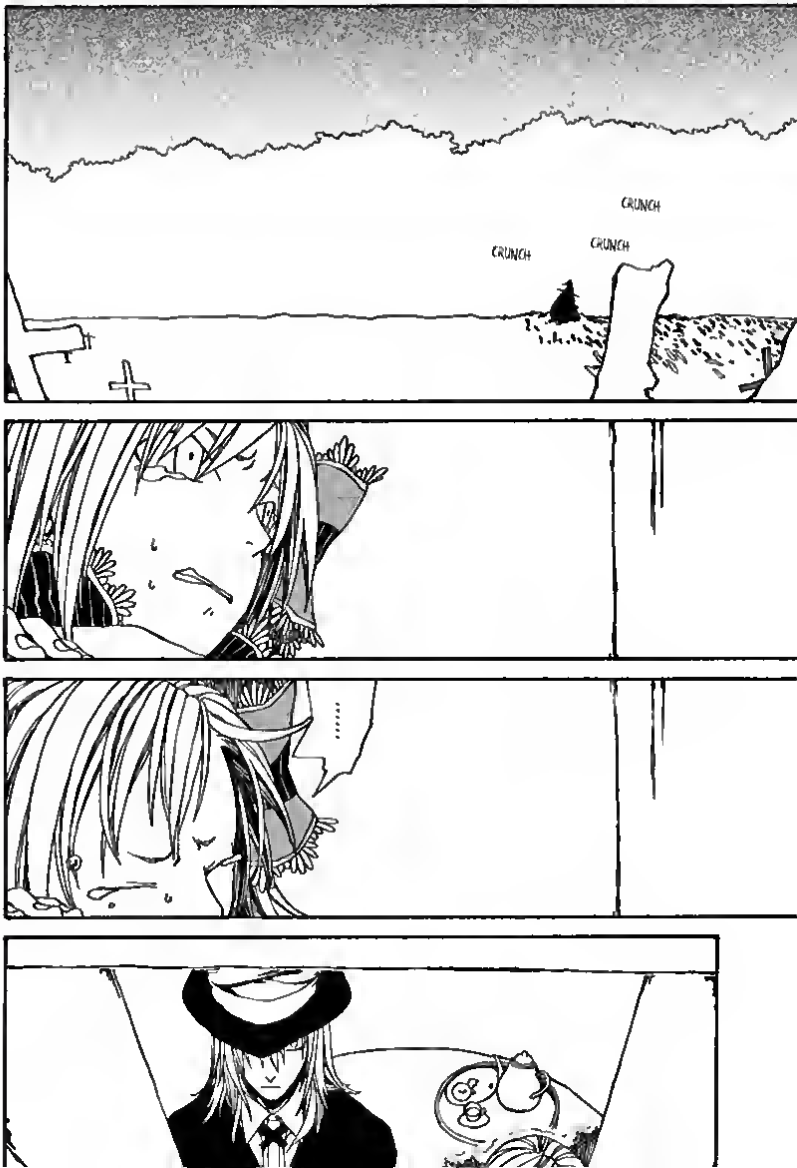

ESTOMA
wriggle

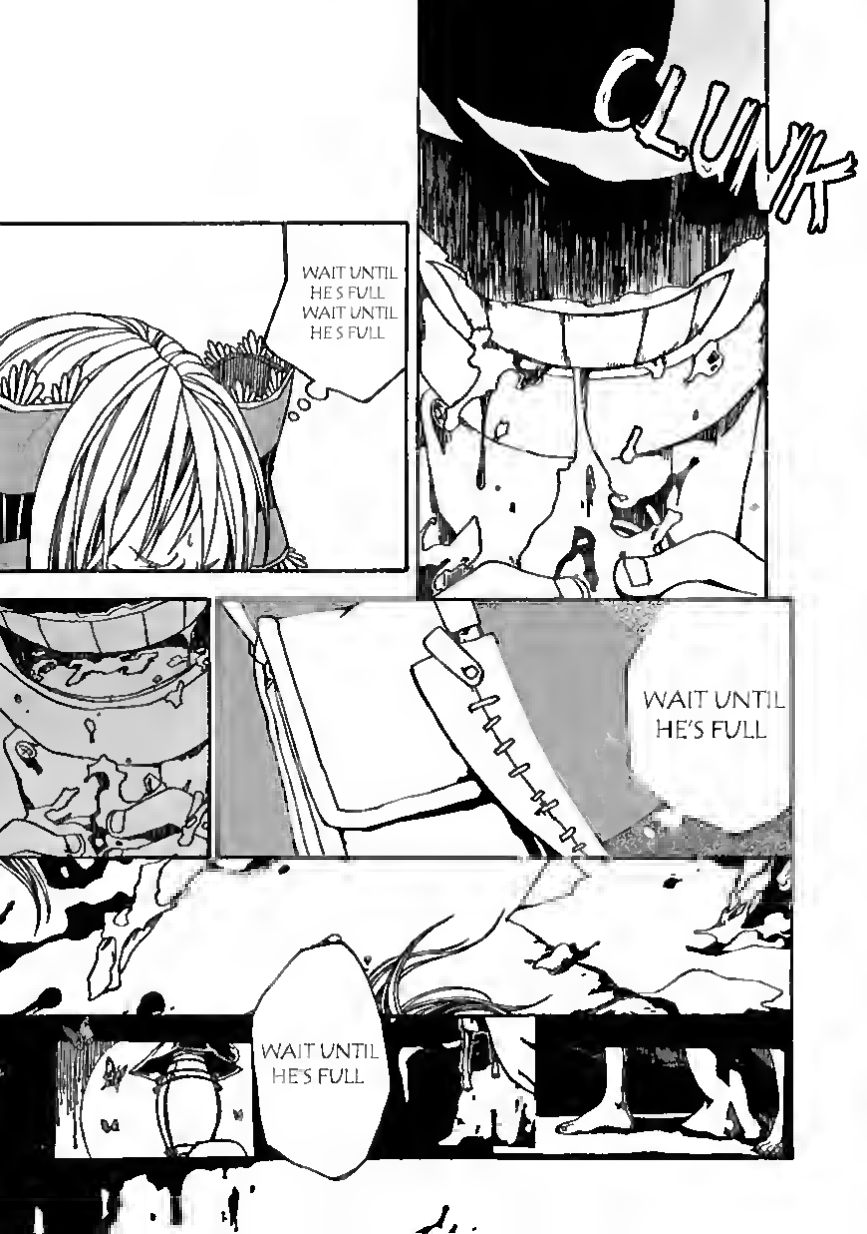

BUT NOW I'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING TO BURY.
THEN CLEAN YOUR ROOM NOW.
...UMM... WELL... I THINK I'M BUSY AFTER ALL!

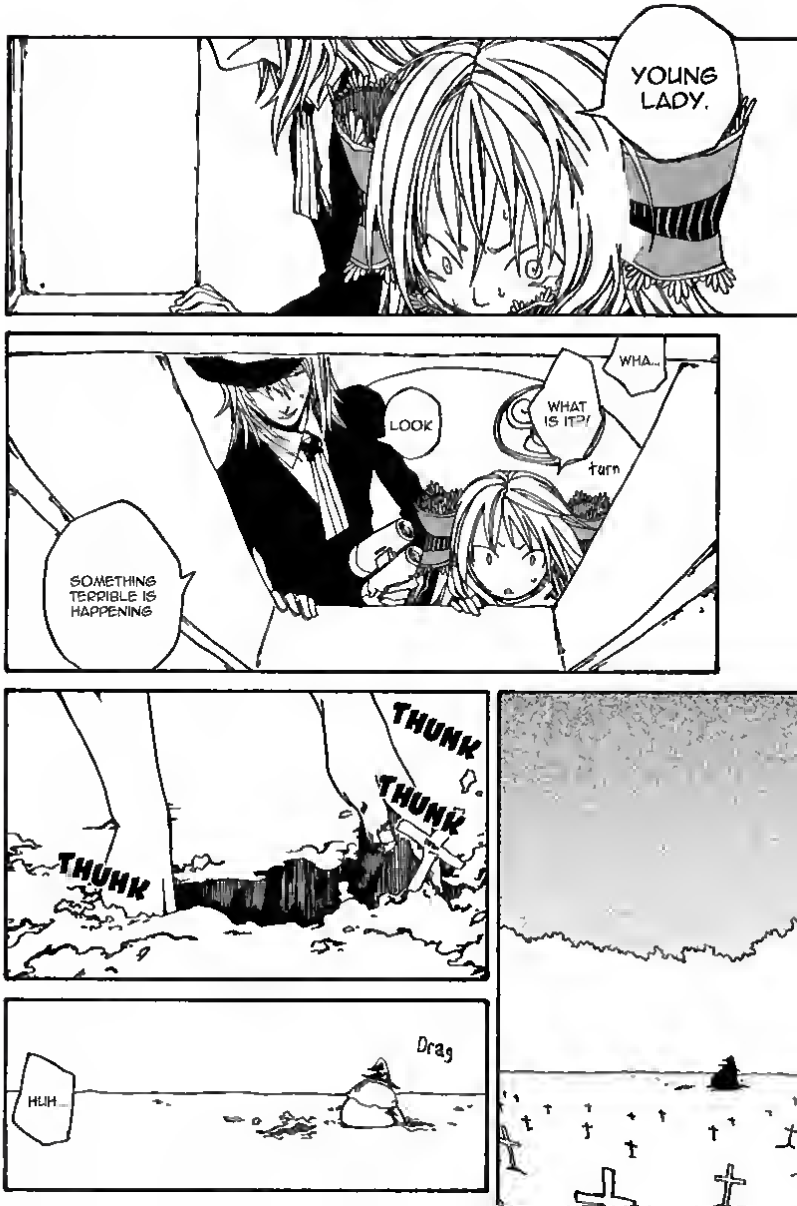
Jump


HMM
!
AH...
drool
WHOA! HE STARTED MOVING!
Grab
DON'T SIT ON THE TABLE!

Crunch
Crunch
CRUNCH


CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
.....


CLUNK
WAIT UNTIL HE'S FULL WAIT UNTIL HE'S FULL
WAIT UNTIL HE'S FULL
WAIT UNTIL HE'S FULL


YOUNG LADY.
WHA...
WHAT IS IT?!
turn
LOOK
SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS HAPPENING
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
Drag
HUH...

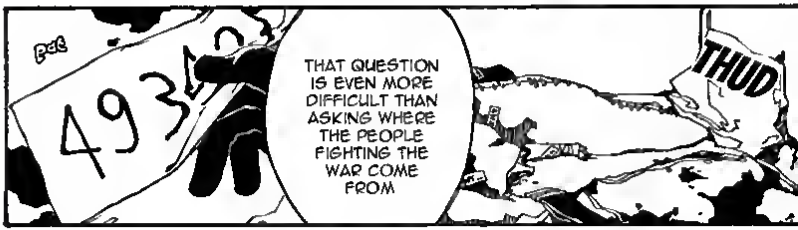
I'M MORE OF AN IDIOT THAN I EVEN KNEW I WAS BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT JUST HOW BIG ESTOMA'S STOMACH IS!
DAMN IT! WHAT AN ANNOY-ANCE!
HE'S DIGGING INSIDE THE GRAVES...!
BANG
IN LESS THAN A DAY, HE ATE THE 587 CORPSES THAT WEREN'T BURIED.
throw
I'VE GOT IT!
OKAY!
AT THIS RATE, THE GRAVEYARD WILL BE EMPTY BY TOMORROW MORNING. IF HE STILL WON'T STOP THEN I'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM IMMEDIATELY, EVEN THOUGH HE'LL COME BACK TO LIFE LATER ON.
I MIGHT HAVE OVERLOOKED SOMETHING ELSE SO IF SOMETHING EVEN MORE UN-FORESEEABLE HAPPENS_NO_

munch

WHAT DO YOU THINK? WILL THERE BE A DAY WHEN ESTOMA DOESN'T COME BACK TO LIFE?
thin'
drag
drag
drag
drag
drag

WHAT IS ESTOMA ANYWAY?

I DON'T KNOW.
I'D LIKE IT IF FRIGHTENING THINGS DIS-APPEARED THOUGH.


Bdd
493
THAT QUESTION IS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT THAN ASKING WHERE THE PEOPLE FIGHTING THE WAR COME FROM
THUD

WELL, WE CAN'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION EITHER.
HAHA, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT
BUT I SOMETIMES THINK...
crunch

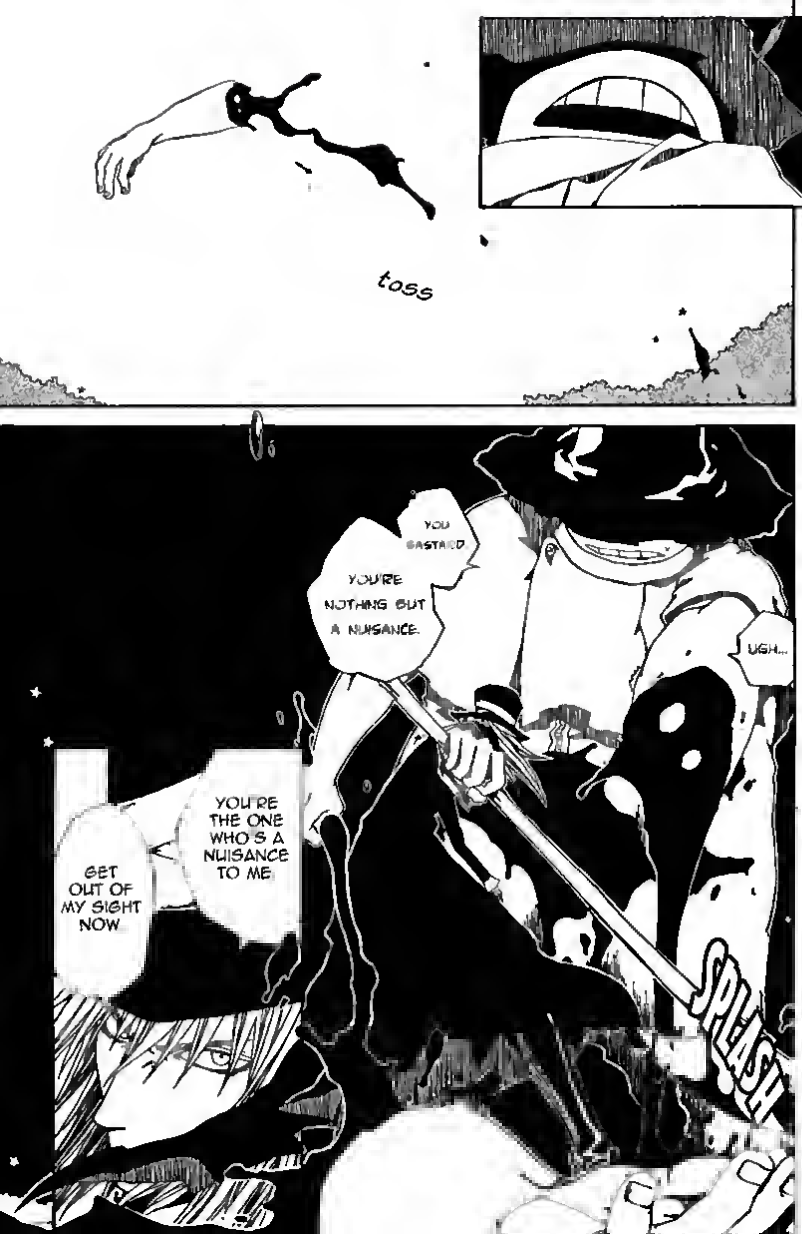
HUH
.....!!
JUMP
clatter
MAL'S SCENT...

HUH?!
THUD
arrow
DROP
AN ENEMY!
THUD
WHAT? I NEVER KNEW WHERE MAL ALWAYS CAME FROM...
HE WAS INSIDE THAT SQUARE THING!
GRAB
THUD

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BIG PILE OF FOOD,
I CAN SNIFF OUT THE OTHER SMELLS REALLY WELL!
Bang
THUD

DRIP
I KNEW IT! IT'S MAL!
YOU'RE A NUISANCE!
TCH!
yank
UH!
SLASH
UGH!
YOU'RE
SQUEEZE
GETTING IN THE WAY OF MY MEAL!

BOOM
WHAT?
HMPH.
ISN'T HE TOUGHER THAN HE USUALLY IS?

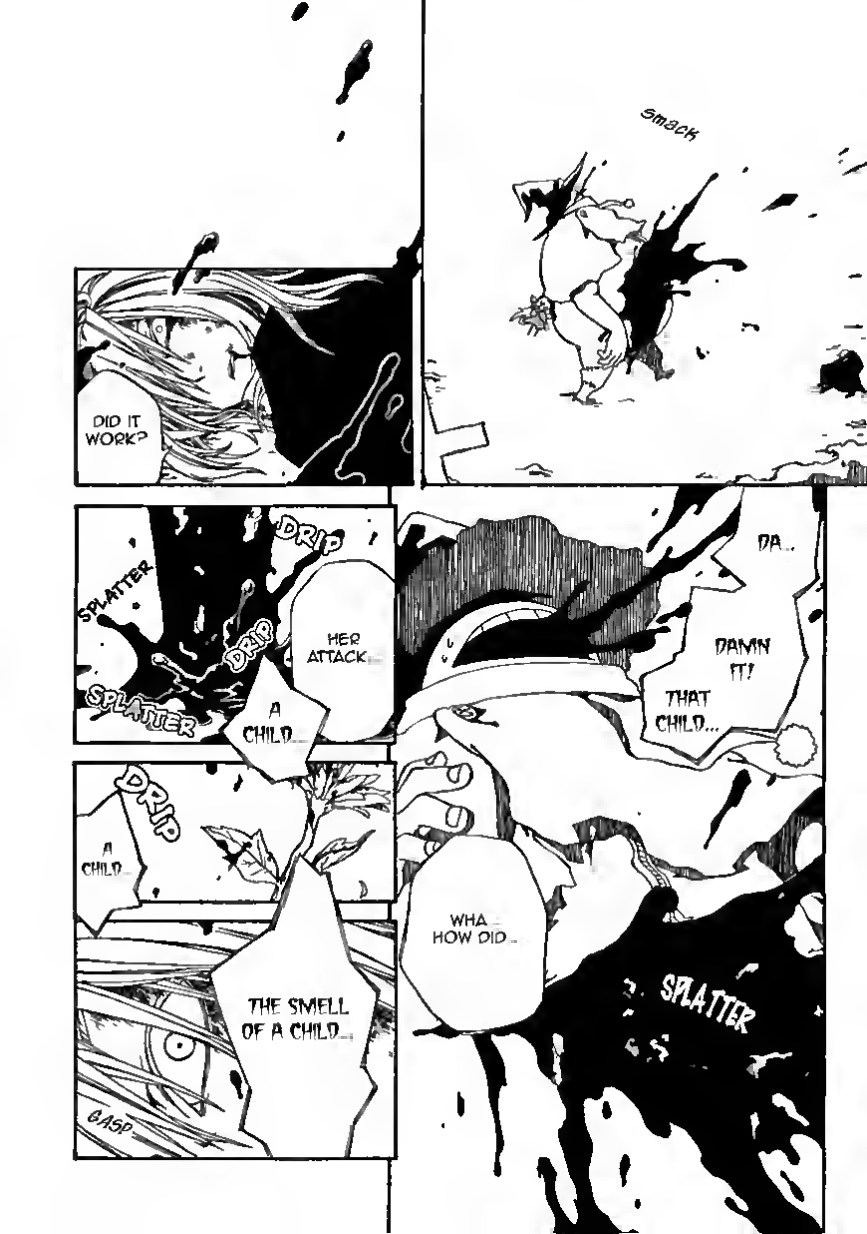

toss
YOU BASTARD
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A NUISANCE.
UGH...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S A NUISANCE TO ME
GET OUT OF MY SIGHT NOW
SPLASH

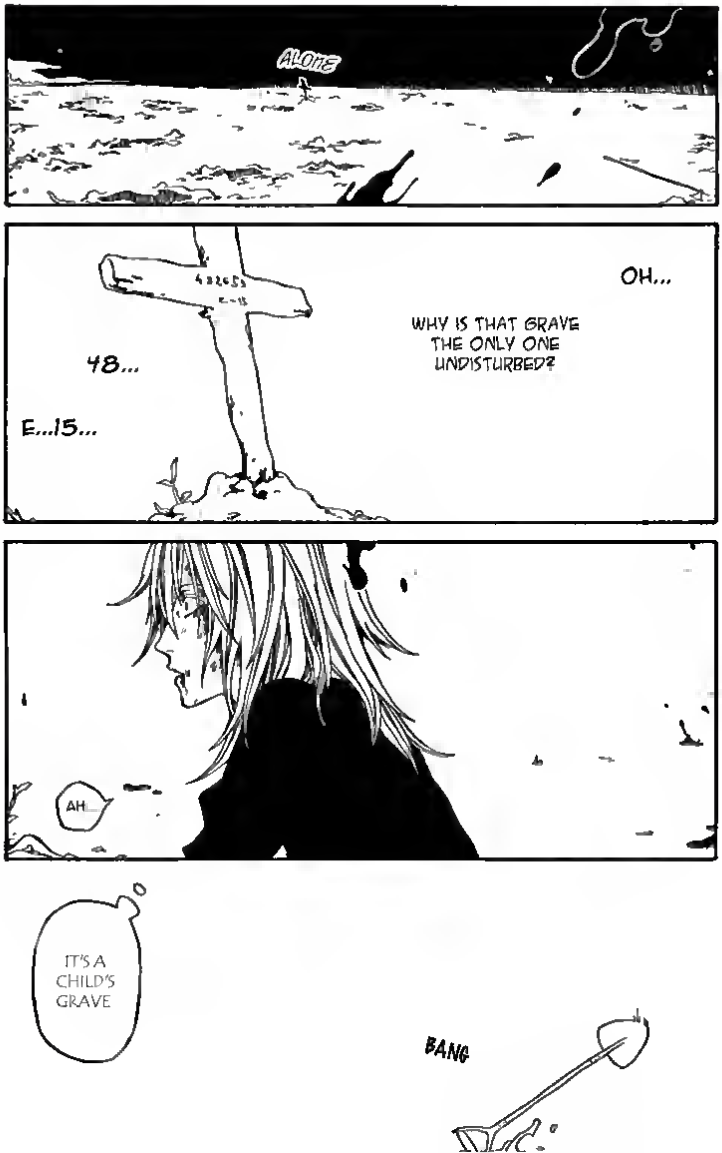
rumble
NO!
GRAB
drip

BANG
THUD
THUMP
SPLAT
UH...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?
THUMP

I DON'T KNOW.
THUD
WHACK
UH...
UH...
cough
THAT'S ALL.
I FEEL FULL OF ENERGY AND HAPPY WHEN I EAT.
THUD
I JUST WANT TO EAT THE THINGS I LOVE.
huff
huff
huff
cough

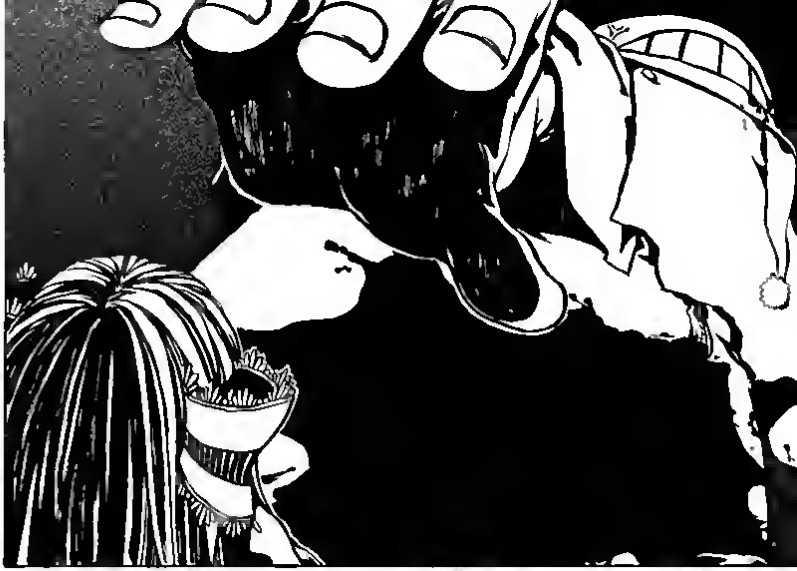
AH!
HUH?
THIS...
CHILD...
UH?
ESTOMA
slide


Smack
DID IT WORK?
DRIP
SPLATTER
DRIP
SPLATTER
HER ATTACK...
A CHILD...
DA...
DAMN IT!
THAT CHILD...
DRIP
A CHILD...
THE SMELL OF A CHILD...
GASP
WHA... HOW DID...
SPLATTER


ALONE
OH...
WHY IS THAT GRAVE THE ONLY ONE UNDISTURBED?
48...
E...15...
AH...
IT'S A CHILD'S GRAVE
BANG

BUT THE YOUNG LADY HAS MET ESTOMA BEFORE
A child...
It hurts...
HE SHOVED HER AWAY BEFORE SHE COULD HIT HIM THOUGH
A child...
GO away!
BEFORE SHE HIT HIM...!
SCUFF
THERE...
YOU...!
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO DO THAT!
SWISH
SWISH
YOU...!
Don't cry! The tears will cloud your eyes!

DAMN IT... THAT HURTS...
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
THAT HURTS...
SMACK
KYAAA!
I CAN'T GET IT OUT.
WHY NOT? DAMN IT.
I CAN'T.
I'M SORRY, CHILD.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
DAMN IT. THAT CHILD IS GOING TO GET IN MY WAY TOO?
I HATE CHILDREN!



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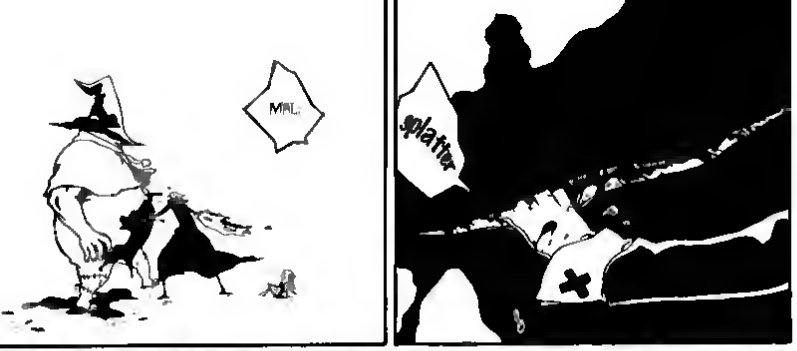
THUD

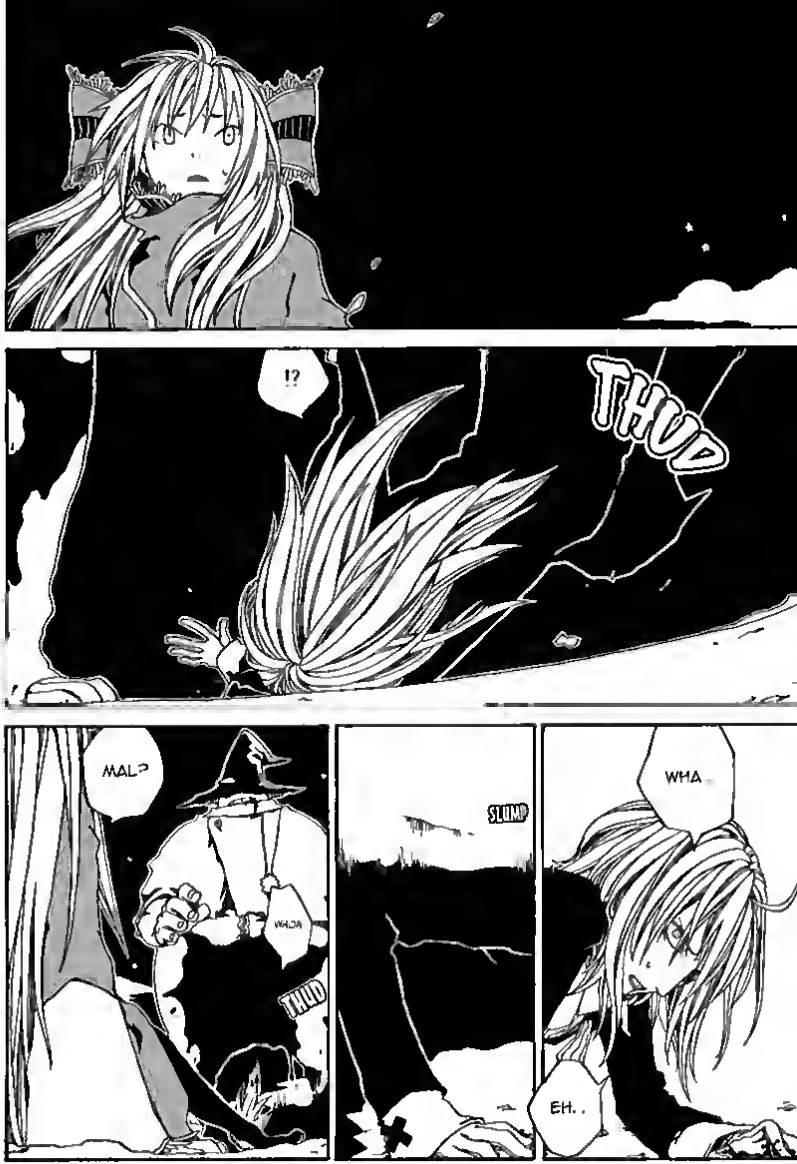


ESTOMA IS GOING TO DIE.

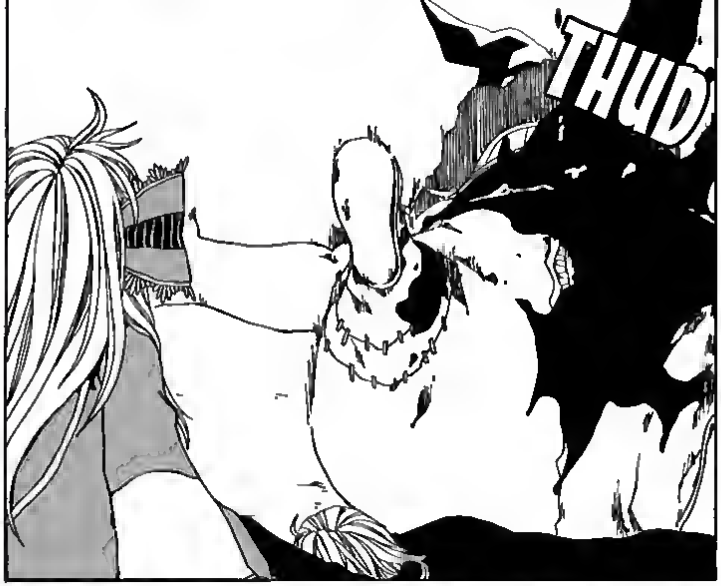
I WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO HIM IF ESTOMA WASN'T AROUND
BATTLING ESTOMA IS HIS LIFE'S CALLING.
DIGGING GRAVES IS JUST A SIDE JOB THOUGH.
SOMEONE SAID MAL WAS RAISED BY THE PREVIOUS GRAVEDIGGERS AND WAS ALWAYS GOING TO BE A GRAVEDIGGER
BUT I SOME-TIMES THINK...

!
MA
gasp
GRAB

THUD
dress
huff
cough
huff
huff
YOU WERE ON YOUR GUARD WEREN'T YOU..?
WHAT? THERE'S NO MORE FOOD?
UGH...
RIP
THEN I'M GOING TO EAT YOU.


!?
THUD
MAL?
WHOA
THUD
SLUMP
WHA
EH..

IT'S NO GOOD, YOUNG LADY. I FEEL SLEEPY.
THE DATE MIGHT HAVE CHANGED...
HUH...
IT'S TUESDAY TODAY?!
TOCK
TUESDAY?!
TICK
MAL!
WAKE UP!
THIS ISN'T GOOD, MAL!
HEY...
YES.
I FORGOT...


THUD!

HUH...
THE "DAY WHEN I CAN'T MOVE" SUDDENLY CAME...
THE "DAY WHEN YOU CAN'T MOVE"...?
UH...
DAMN IT...
WHY...
THIS IS TERRI-BLE...
MOVE!
MOVE!
MOVE!
WHY?
NO WAY...
YOUNG LADY
GASP
twitch
twitch
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE TODAY...?
AHHHH!

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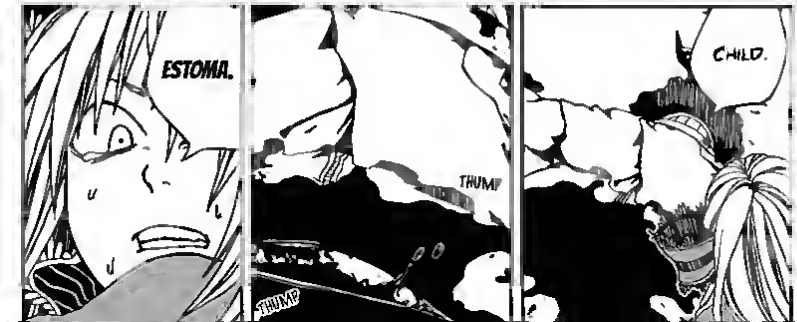
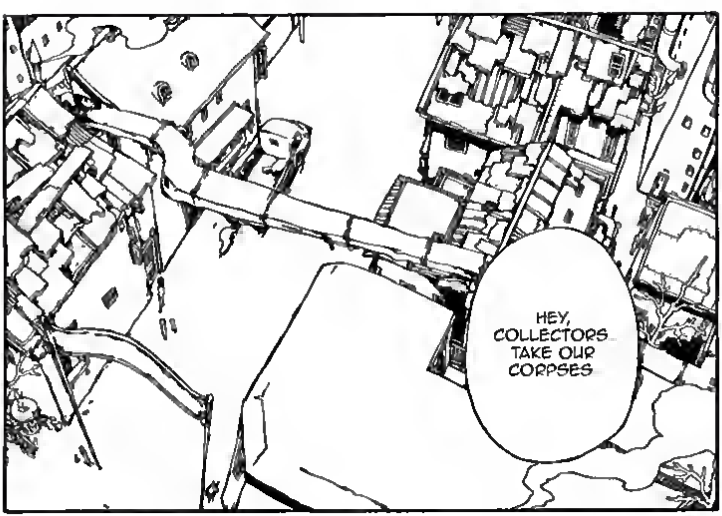
YOUNG LADY YOU DON'T HAVE A DAY WHEN YOU CAN'T MOVE, DO YOU?
DAMN IT... TUESDAYS ARE THE WORST...
tap
GRAB

GASP

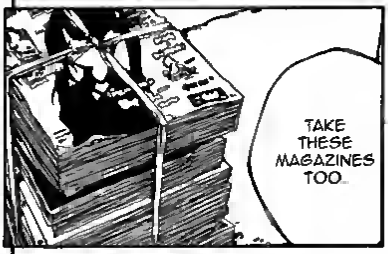

ESTOMA.
THUMP
THUMP
CHILD.

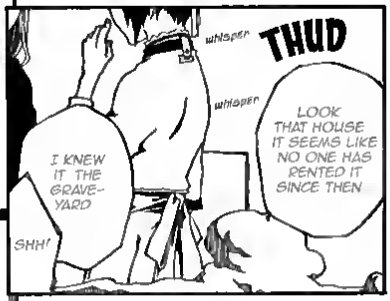
IT FELT REALLY AWFUL.
ON THAT TUESDAY, SHOULDN'T I HAVE SAID THAT I WOULDN'T CONTINUE DIGGING GRAVES?

IS THIS WHAT I DREAMED OF?
THIS IS MY...
THIS IS MY...
IT MAKES ME SICK
IT MAKES ME SICK
WHY DID I HATE ESTOMA ENOUGH TO WANT TO KILL HIM?

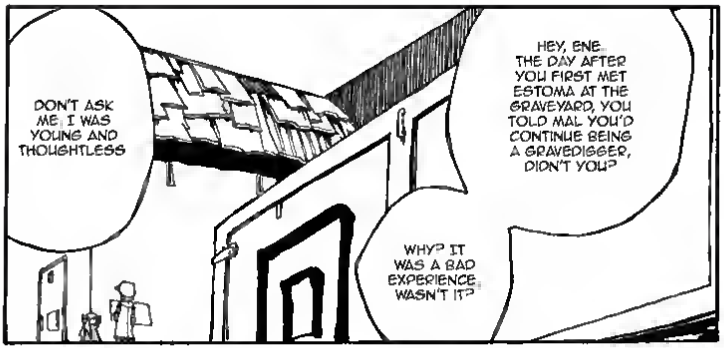

HEY, COLLECTORS... TAKE OUR CORPSES...

WHOOSH
YAWN
AH, IT'S THIS WAY
ALRIGHT, WHICH HOUSE?

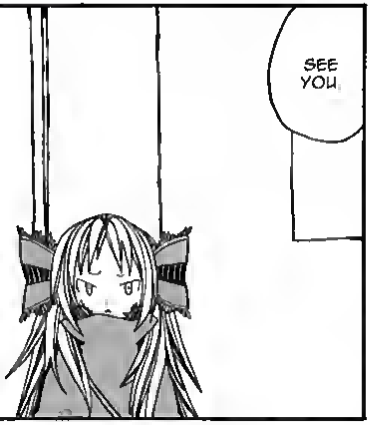

TAKE THESE MAGAZINES TOO...

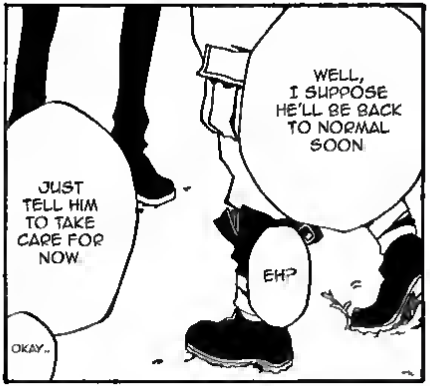

whisper
THUD
whisper
LOOK THAT HOUSE IT SEEMS LIKE NO ONE HAS RENTED IT SINCE THEN
I KNEW IT THE GRAVE-YARD
SHH!

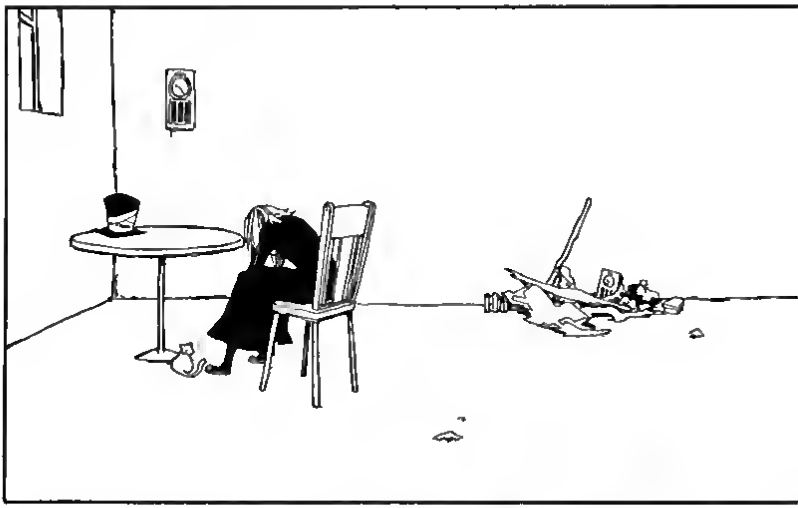
whisper

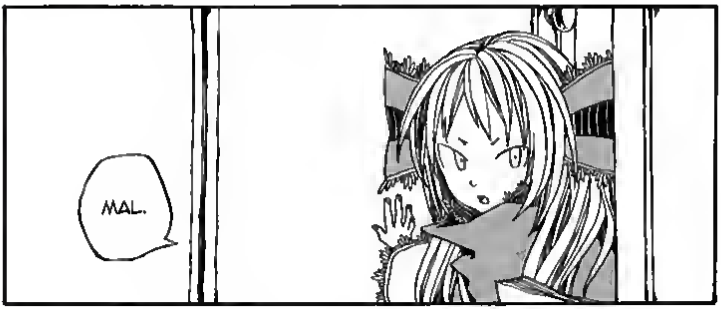

HEY, ENE.
THE DAY AFTER YOU FIRST MET ESTOMA AT THE GRAVEYARD, YOU TOLD MAL YOU'D CONTINUE BEING A GRAVEDIGGER, DIDN'T YOU?
WHY? IT WAS A BAD EXPERIENCE, WASN'T IT?
DON'T ASK ME. I WAS YOUNG AND THOUGHTLESS

ANYWAY, WHY HAS MAL ENDED UP THE WAY HE HAS?
MUTTER
MY INTUITION TURNED OUT TO BE RIGHT?
EH?
OH, NOTHING.


SEE YOU.


WELL, I SUPPOSE HE'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL SOON.
EH?
JUST TELL HIM TO TAKE CARE FOR NOW.
OKAY...




MAL.

.....
MEOW
SLAM
AT THAT MO-MENT

THE MOMENT WHEN I PLUNGED MY HAND INTO ESTOMA'S STOMACH, JUST BEFORE IT BECAME TUESDAY...
I THOUGHT, "ESTOMA WILL BE DEAD FOR SURE, AND IT'LL BE A HAPPY ENDING"...
BUT AT THAT TIME, I SUDDENLY THOUGHT, "IF ESTOMA DISAPPEARS, THEN SO WILL MY LIFE."
EVEN THOUGH I'D NEVER THOUGHT THAT BEFORE.
THEN... I WONDER WHAT IT WAS... I FELT A SHIVER GO DOWN MY SPINE.

...WERE YOU SCARED?
WELL... I DON'T KNOW. AT THAT TIME, MY BODY DIDN'T STOP MOVING JUST BECAUSE IT WAS TUESDAY
SO THAT MESS HAPPENED.
DOING THINGS THE WAY YOU WANT IS MORE PAINFUL THAN YOU THINK.
SIGH
I DION'T REALISE THAT BECAUSE I WENT STRAIGHT AHEAD, WITHOUT LOOKING LEFT OR RIGHT.

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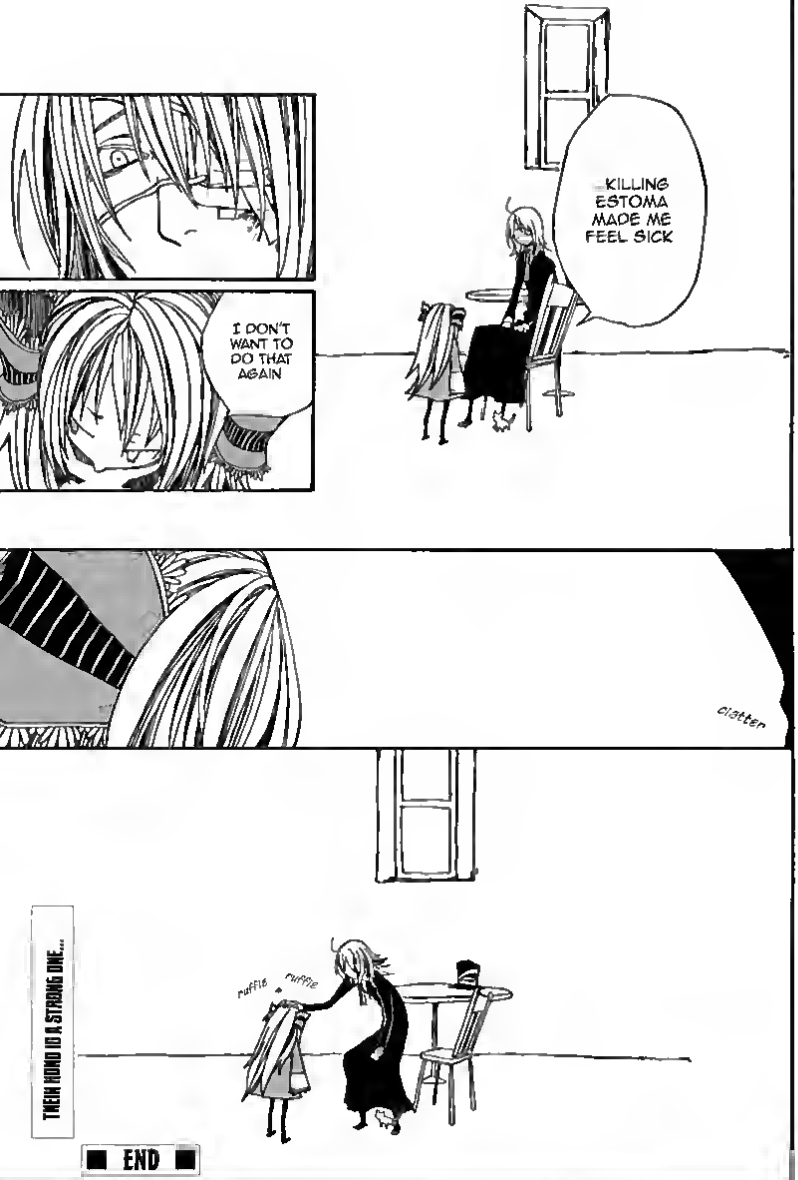
KILLING ESTOMA MADE ME FEEL SICK
I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT AGAIN
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THEIN KIND IS A STRONG ONE...
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